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Rome, To-day.

A claim that the Red Sea must belong to Italy is expressed in the military review "Forze Armate."

The review says: "The Red Sea does not belong to Egypt or the Sudan or the Hejaz or Yemen but to Italy, or rather to the Fascist Empire."

"The Red Sea is for Italy another closed sea where Italian interests are identical to those in the Mediterranean."

"The Red Sea is life for us while it is only a road for others."

"Italy intends to reach the ocean and this cannot be obtained by mere control of the Suez Canal but by control of Aden."—Havas.

And Also Nice

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

For the first time since the beginning of the war, the French city of Nice is revealed as an Italian claim, according to an article in the newspaper "Lavoro Fascista."—Havas.

Fly In The Ointment

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Well-informed circles state the mission of Sir Wilfred Greene to Rome, to discuss the relaxation of the Mediterranean blockade, succeeded technically but no results have yet been reached politically.

Hence the two Governments have not yet approved the technical agreement reached.—Havas.

CALLING-UP ORDERS TO BELGIANS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Decrees have been issued by the Belgian Government in Paris calling up for military service all Belgians in France who are of military age.—Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST—East winds, moderate; cloudy generally, probably some rain.

Efforts To Extricate The Allied Armies

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

MILITARY QUARTERS STATE THAT YESTERDAY WAS SPENT BY BOTH SIDES IN MAKING THE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS RESULTING FROM THE NEW SITUATION AFTER THE BELGIAN CAPITULATION WHICH HAS OPENED A WIDE BREACH IN THE EAST FLANK OF THE ALLIED NORTHERN ARMIES.

The greatest secrecy is being maintained about the measures taken by the French and British Commands.

Greatly encouraged by Leopold's betrayal, the Germans are increasing the pressure towards the north-east.

When the Belgian troops entered the battlefield they comprised 18 divisions and part of the permanent garrisons of Liege and Namur.

During 18 days of extremely hard fighting the Belgian troops suffered very heavy losses, especially when the Albert Canal was broken through.

The number of Belgian effectives which have surrendered to the Germans as result of Leopold's decision is estimated at 300,000.

Somme Fighting

The increased burden on the Allied troops in the north is, however, eased somewhat by the massive intervention of their air forces endeavouring to counter-act German action by bombing and destruction.

In other battle zones the operations are proceeding favourably, notably in the Somme area, where an important move is now proceeding details of which will probably be available to-day.—Havas.

Mopping Up On Somme

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The British and French troops are facing the situation created by Leopold's surrender with determination, and yesterday morning combats continued everywhere.

On the Somme, mopping up operations proceeded despite stubborn resistance by enemy detachments.

In the Meuse region the Germans launched powerful attacks in the afternoon and at night. They were completely repulsed with heavy losses to the attackers.—Havas.

Falling Back On Calais

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

While no reliable information is available regarding the present position of the Allied armies in North-East France, the statement in the official communiqué that new dispositions are being taken up is taken in well-informed quarters to indicate that the B.E.F. and French divisions

are falling back upon Calais and Dunkirk, on the coast.

Whether the manoeuvre can be accomplished, no-one is prepared to predict as the Germans are rushing for Dunkirk along the Belgian coast, while the German High Command claims that driving through the collapsed Belgian positions along the Lys, their advanced units have already reached Hazebrouck.

German Strategy

Meantime, it is to be expected that the German armoured units through

MORE ARRESTS IN BRITAIN

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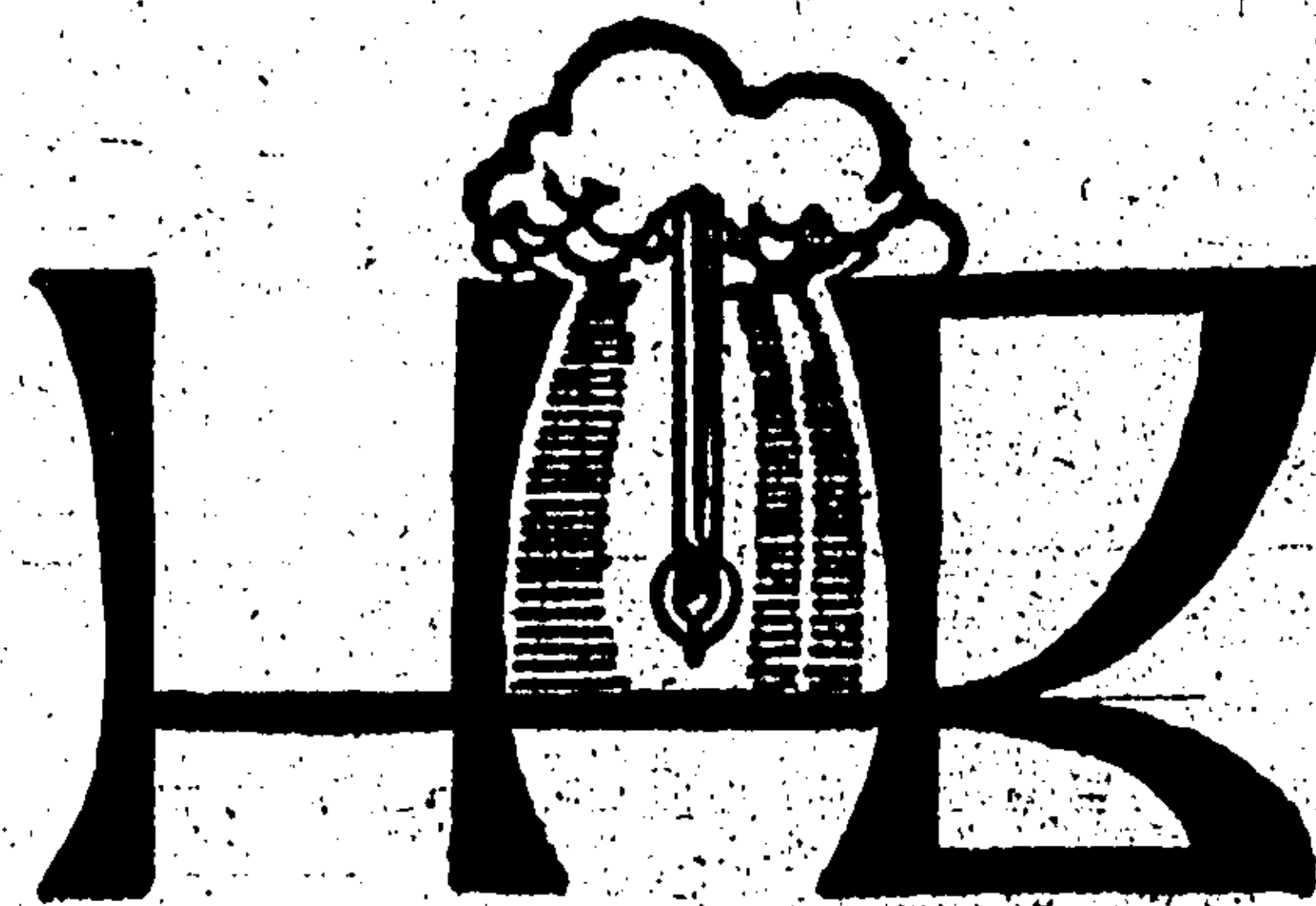
London, To-day.

Scotland Yard yesterday arrested ten more persons besides the 60 who have been detained since the recent round-up of known Fascist sympathisers.—Havas.

the gap, operating in the Boulogne area will increase their northern thrust in efforts to meet the German armies moving south and complete the encompassment.

Attention is also given to the operations on the Somme where what is described as "an important move" may, it is felt, give the Allied forces an alternative line of retreat.—Havas.

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NATIONAL UNITY IN EIRE

London, To-day.

A MESSAGE FROM DUBLIN says the Eire Premier, Mr. Eamonn de Valera, announced in the Dail that in view of the danger threatening the country, the Cosgrave Party and the Labour Party had agreed to join a conference each week as often as necessary to consult on matters of national defence.

There would be three members of the Government Party, three Cosgrave followers and two of the Labour Party.

"We must all now be brothers in one holy cause," said Mr. de Valera. There was an urgent necessity for defensive measures the Government had decided upon, he said, adding the regular army reserves were being called up as well as first-line volunteers.

A campaign was being immediately undertaken to secure thousands more recruits for the army and men for local security corps.

Mr. de Valera asked for national unity to resist being brought into the war in which the Free State had declared its intention not to be involved—Reuter.

U.S. NATIONAL DEFENCE COMMISSION

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt has announced the formation of a special National Defence Commission composed of seven prominent men, who will supervise the £250,000,000 defence programme.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S RELATIONS WITH ITALY

London, To-day.

In a Commons reply to Col. J. C. Wedgwood (Labour) who invited the Government to make a statement in view of our present relations with Italy, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, recalled that the Master of the Rolls recently brought back from Italy proposals which are regarded as affording a satisfactory basis for agreement regarding the contraband control.

Mr. Butler added that British and Italian representatives are now working out the details in Rome, and while these discussions are proceeding, he was unable to make a further statement.—Reuter.

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HOW NAVY DID ITS BIT IN BATTLE OF BOULOGNE

London, To-day.

How destroyers evacuated British forces from Boulogne "under hellish fire" was described in detail by a naval eyewitness yesterday.

He explained how a demolition party was sent from England to Boulogne at two hours' notice.

Embarking in lorries, a party of seamen and Royal Marines and detachments of Royal Engineers, was taken by destroyer across the Channel reaching the main jetty at Boulogne in the forenoon.

The naval party was landed to hold the railway station, fit demolition charges and earmark bridges, trains, lock gates, etc., etc., which should be destroyed when time came. This demolition was undertaken at the request of the French authorities.

The seamen, some of them quite young who have never been under fire, were in the railway station fitting detonators to their explosive charges when it came under high explosive shell fire from enemy field guns. The Germans were gradually closing in on the town with light mechanised vehicles followed by tanks and motorised field guns. German aircraft were busy using bombs and machine guns.

Sixty Bombers

Their attacks were intermittent throughout the day and at one time there were sixty machines overhead. Owing to the position of the Germans all around the town it had been impossible to send field guns or other assistance.

Consequently, troops could not hold out indefinitely against the enemy's armoured vehicles. Small parties of Germans were already coming down the streets on the outskirts of the town and it was decided to shorten the defending perimeter by a slight British withdrawal.

The destroyer which brought the naval demolition party had already left under orders. She was relieved by another and the second was relieved by a third.

When the decision was reached that the town could not be held by small parties, seamen went out with parcels of explosives which were placed by bridges though they could

not be destroyed until the last of our troops had withdrawn.

In another part of the harbour was a large train with a wet dock beside it containing a naval trawler. As both might be captured by the enemy, the officer in charge decided to destroy them together with the powerhouse and pumping station.

Sniping At 50 Yards

While all this was going on, the enemy were all round the docks at a range of about 400 yards; snipers were within 50 feet; then came the long expected order "complete demolition" and machinery, powerhouses, etc., etc., were blown up.

Anything and everything that might be useful to the enemy were sabotaged. Charges were placed to make certain of the sluiceways and bridge. Two destroyers came into the harbour and steamed sternfirst out of the narrow entrance with all the troops they could cram aboard.

Three more destroyers entered and were fired on furiously by enemy field guns concealed in a wooded hill. Several heavy enemy tanks came downhill onto the foreshore while troops on the jetty were embarking in a destroyer.

Magnificent Courage

The troops' courage and daring were magnificent even under a tornado of fire with casualties occurring every second.

All this time, destroyers' guns were in hot action blasting hillsides and German field guns at point blank range.

One shot at the tanks registered a direct hit, caused it to capsize and spin over and over like a cartwheel. A second tank was similarly knocked out and others speedily retired.

But for the destroyers' rapid and accurate fire, the retiring troops must have sustained far heavier casualties, indeed the evacuation might never have been possible.—Reuter.

LORD MAYOR'S FUND

London, To-day.

The Lord Mayor's Fund for war sick and wounded has now reached £1,500,000. The latest contributions include a further £2,000 from the Jamaica War Assistance Committee bringing their total to £24,500.—Reuter.

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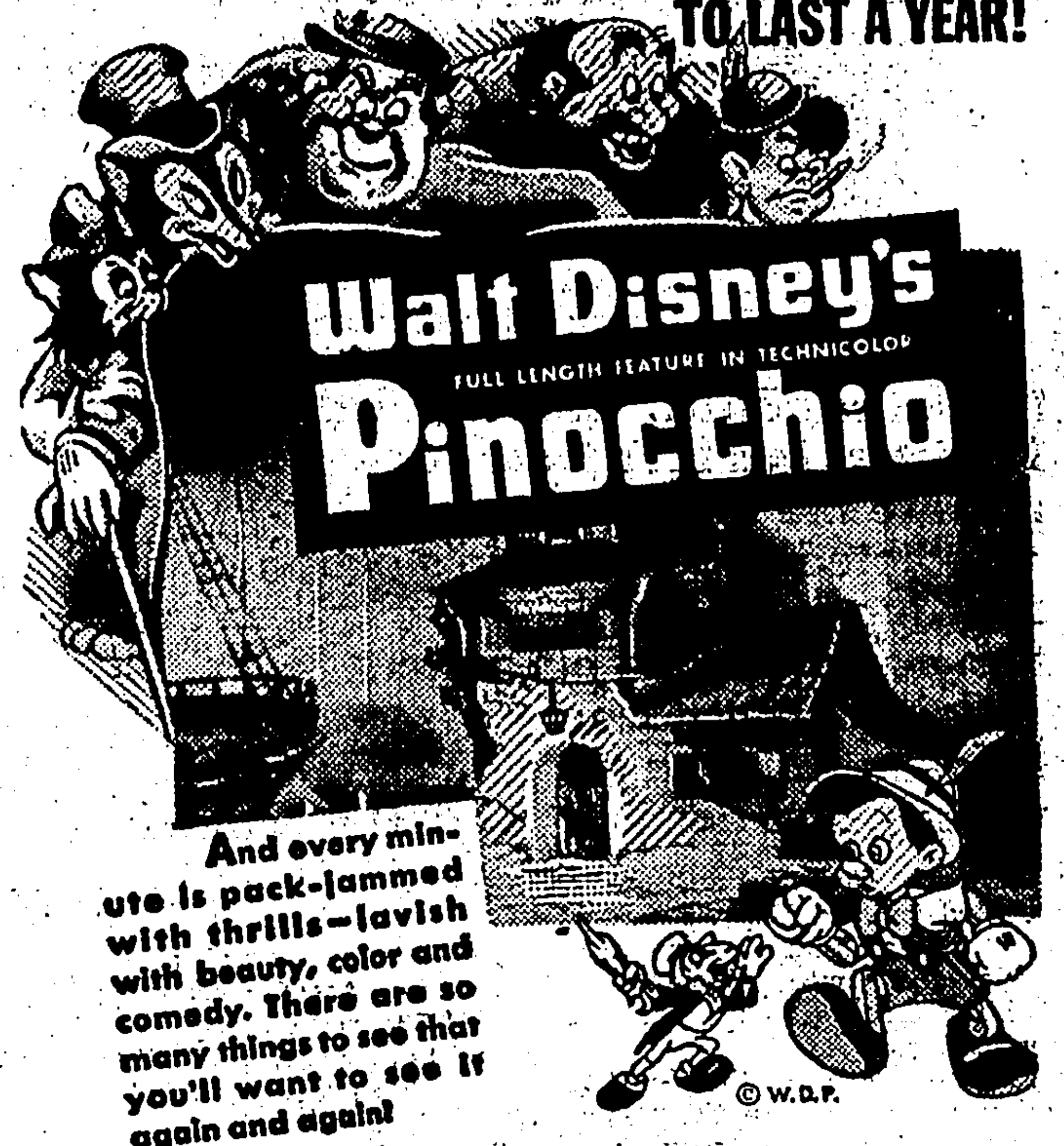
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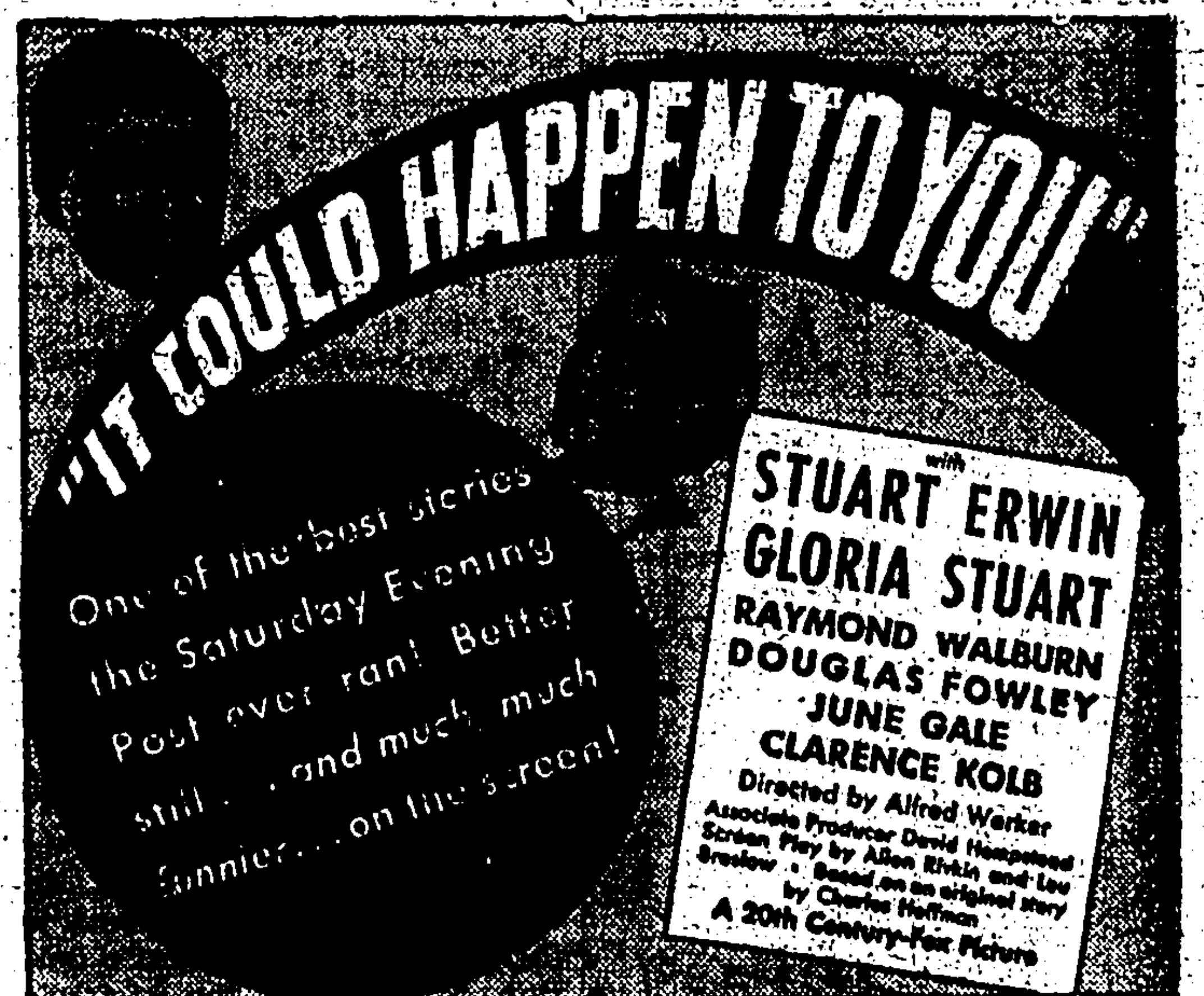
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A WAVE OF HORROR, COUPLED WITH DETERMINED RESISTANCE AGAINST TOTALITARIAN AGGRESSION, HAS SWEEPED OVER INDIA DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE PITILESS NAZI ONSLAUGHTS ON THE LOW COUNTRIES.

Even Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the Congress ex-President, came to the conclusion that India must bestir herself about the security of her own shores.

SHARING BURDENS

The inclusion of such a large number of Radical Parliamentarians, including several trusted friends of India, in Britain's reconstructed Cabinet is expected to produce lasting results in regard to a solution of this country's national problems.

But it is not forgotten that Britain's task to-day is a titanic struggle against Nazism. Indications are that the political parties here might soon sink their differences.

Congress would then change its declared policy towards the war, and a platform of approach would soon be available for Britain and India to come together in sharing the burdens of the coming fateful months.

BELGIANS DISAVOW THE SON OF ALBERT

"Guilt Of One Man" Cannot Be Imputed To Nation

Prime Minister's Broadcast From Paris

Paris, To-day.

"THE GUILT OF ONE MAN cannot be imputed to the entire nation," said M. Pierlot, Belgian Prime Minister, in a broadcast address yesterday afternoon to the Belgians.

He repudiated King Leopold's action and said that the King of the Belgians had broken the constitution and exceeded his powers.

The Belgian Army does not deserve the fate that has befallen it. The King's action is without legal validity and does not bind the country.

The Belgian Constitution, which was accepted by the King, he said, lays down that all powers come from the people, and these powers are carried out according to the terms of the constitution.

The King has broken the constitution and put himself into the power of the invader. Consequently, he is no longer able to govern.

No act of the King, M. Pierlot continued, can be valid without the counter-signature of a Minister.

This is an absolute rule and a fundamental one.

Broken Ties

The King, therefore, has broken off ties with the nation, and Ministers and all others under oaths of fidelity to him are absolved of those oaths. A new army will be organised in France and Britain.

Disregard Of Advice

M. Pierlot emphasised at the outset that the King entered into separate

negotiations with the enemy and treated with him in complete disregard of the formal and unanimous advice of the Government.

"The act which we deplore is without any legal validity and does not bind the country."

M. Pierlot explained the terms of the Belgian Constitution under which the King swore to uphold the principle that all powers come from the people and are carried out according to the stipulations laid down in the Constitution.

This Constitution, he went on, provides for the continuity of the powers of the Government and the only Government which is regularly constituted and invested with the confidence of the two Chambers who have approved its determination to fight on, will defend the independence of Belgium and the integrity of her territory to the utmost.

A New Army

"From among the courageous younger generation who have responded to the appeal of the government, together with the Belgian soldiers who are now in France and Britain, a new army will be raised and will fight side by side with the Allied Armies."

It is necessary, he added, to stress at once in tangible manner the solidarity which still unites us to those nations which have given us their guarantees in conformity with the pledges.

"Belgians! We are going through the most painful trial in our history. The hour has come to remember the example of courage and honour given to us by those who fought in 1914-18. Come what may, we shall prove ourselves worthy of them."—Reuter.

Measures Being Taken

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

An official announcement asserting the Belgian Government's determination to continue the struggle was published yesterday by the Belgian news agency.

The announcement adds that all Belgian troops in France, including elements now being formed, will be thrown into the action and the strength of all the nation will participate in the battle and vanquish the invader.

On Monday night the Belgian Government took all measures to organise resistance against the invader irrespective of Leopold's decision, which was unconstitutional.—Havas.

SNATCHING CASE

Four months' hard labour was imposed on Chan Kam-tat, 40, by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning for snatching a handbag from Ma Po-ling, 24, spinster, in Saigon Street yesterday.

LEOPOLD: AN ACT OF TREASON

Paris, To-day.

"King Leopold's act is a personal treason for which he alone is responsible," say military quarters in Paris.

They add the development occurred just at the time when the Allies were beginning to score local successes as exemplified by the striking success on the upper reaches of the Lys on the flank of numerically superior forces.—Reuter.

ITALY ADOPTS THE ATTITUDE EXPECTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

Italy's attitude towards King Leopold's capitulation was expressed yesterday by an official Italian spokesman.

"We fully approve of King Leopold's decision, which we consider perfectly realistic in view of the certainty of the destruction of the remainder of his forces," the spokesman said.

Expressing deep admiration for the Belgian Army, the spokesman made sarcastic reference to the fact that the Belgian Government had left the country while the King remained to fight!

Meanwhile, the clamour for Italy to "achieve her national aspirations" has been revived.

New anti-Allied manifestos have been plastered all over Rome, calling for, among other things, Dalmatia, Corsica, Malta and Tunis.

On the whole, the general reaction is tinged with sympathy over the plight of the Belgian people, and it is generally felt that King Leopold's capitulation will shorten the conflict.—Havas.

BELGIANS IN POIGNANT PARIS SCENE

Paris, To-day.

M. Pierlot, the Belgian Premier, and members of the Belgian Government participated in a big demonstration before the statue of King Albert here last evening.

Black crepe was tied to the base of the statue and numerous wreaths were laid. Thousands of Belgians, including groups of Ex-Servicemen, were present.

Amid scenes of great emotion the crowd sang the Belgian National Anthem and filed past for an hour and a half.

Some young Belgians fixed a notice to the statue reading "The venerated King who made our country great give us strength to wash away the shame with which your unworthy successor has covered our unhappy Belgium."

"We swear to avenge this treason."—Reuter.

HALF MILLION SURRENDER

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE GERMAN WIRELESS, ANNOUNCING THE CAPITULATION OF KING LEOPOLD, SAYS THE FUHRER HAS ORDERED LEOPOLD AND THE BELGIAN ARMY TO BE TREATED WITH THE RESPECT DUE TO SOLDIERS WHO FOUGHT GALLANTLY.

As Leopold has expressed no desire regarding his own person, a Belgian castle has been assigned to him as a temporary domicile.

It is estimated that approximately 500,000 troops are affected by the capitulation.—Reuter.

EX-KING LEOPOLD AND GOVERNMENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

WHILE UNABLE TO STATE whether King Leopold had already secretly contacted the Germans when the Ministers left him on Saturday, well-informed quarters stress the fact that the Premier, M. Pierlot, and his colleagues left Belgium before the King's capitulation. The Ministers left Leopold about six kilometres behind the front line extending in front of Bruges and Ostend, which was defended with extreme courage until the last moment.

BELGIANS TO FIGHT ON WITH ALLIES

Paris, To-day.

It is officially announced that the Belgian Government has decided that Belgium shall continue to fight by the side of the Allies.

The Government will use the Belgian forces in France which have now been re-grouped and throw into the battle all the strength of the nation they can command in order to secure victory.—Reuter.

M. Pierlot, and General Denis (Defence Minister), M. Paul Spaak (Foreign Minister) and M. van der Poorten (Home Minister) left the King on Saturday morning and went to London to meet colleagues who had contacted the British authorities.

The Ministers were accompanied by their staff of about 10 and proceeded to Dunkirk, where thousands of civilian refugees had massed.

The Ministers embarked on a ship sent by the British Admiralty. German bombers started dropping bombs but missed.—Havas.

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With The B.E.F. in Belgium, May 17.

EARLY THIS MORNING the following official communique was issued from British G.H.Q.:

"The B.E.F. are in contact with the enemy and fighting is in progress. Attacks on Louvain have been repulsed."

Late last night it was reported that heavy fighting had developed in Louvain as the Germans made violent attempts to dislodge the British. A British counter-attack during Wednesday night and early yesterday morning drove the Germans out of the station and two other points on the outskirts.

On the western side of the city, near the River Dyle, sharp fighting and house-to-house sniping in the suburbs went on all day. The city, especially the western fringes, was subjected to heavy shelling by the Germans.

Up to noon the University had not been touched although many houses had been demolished by bombs and shell-fire. The Germans used quantities of tanks and dive bombers in their attacks, which were brilliantly repulsed. In one counter-attack we captured a number of prisoners.

From a ridge two miles from and overlooking the city I watched the scene of the battle yesterday morning. I could see clouds of smoke drifting upwards, while the whole countryside was tainted with the acrid smell of tobacco from a factory which had been burning for two days.

The German heavy explosive shells of considerable size, and occasional rounds of shrapnel, burst at regular intervals in the valley, some 300 or 400 yards away, between us and the city.

Continual Bombing

A party of Poor Clare nuns, coming along the highway in a British Army lorry, told me they were among the last of the civilians to be evacuated. Sister Marie Claire said the community had suffered "the most terrible nights" since last Friday. Shells and bombs had fallen constantly in and around the city.

Several of the older sisters, including the aged Mother Superior, had had to be left behind as they were unable to travel. The Mayor and her municipal staff left several days ago. I asked her if the Germans were in the city and she replied, in halting English, "Yes, near the station, I think."

"Where will you go now?" I asked the little party who appeared already worn and travel-stained.

"We don't know," they replied. "We hope someone will take us in. We have no plans. All we wanted to do was to get away from the city."

A British battery, hidden in woods and valleys behind where we stood, was banging away at the Germans.

Sheep still grazed in the pasture, hens ran about the courtyard, fruit and vegetables were growing in profusion in the garden. A child's swing hung from an old tree. On the tennis courts a couple of rackets lay where they had been flung after the last game played only a few days ago.

In another farmhouse near a British battalion everything stood as the owners had left it. Food was on the table, the beds were unmade, the watch dog waited in his kennel for his master to return, a little pet canary, released from its cage, hopped forlornly in the yard. Pigs still rooted in the sty and outside the farm gate cows swollen with milk moved unhappily.

Along the roads back to Brussels, the unending stream of refugees continued. Some trundled cumbersome packages loaded on bicycles, others had their possessions rolled in red blankets and slung around their necks.

Children rode on the handlebars or back seats of motor-cycles. Others pick-a-backed on their brother's or father's shoulders.

In every field along the road as I drove by at six in the morning, groups of these unhappy people were sleeping or washing, dressing or cooking impromptu meals. Their horses cropped the grass beside them.

As we approached the forward areas of the enemy's positions traffic became less and less, and the long, empty roads had a sinister quiet in the hot sunshine.

GERMAN DECISION

Berlin, Today.

The present status of King Leopold will remain unchanged, it is announced in Berlin, and he will be given a Belgian chateau as a temporary residence.

"Those Belgian soldiers who follow him into capitulation will be given an amnesty, and efforts will be made to bring the situation as far as possible back to normal in Belgium."—Havas.

ADMIRALTY TAKES OVER COAST GUARDS

London, To-day.

The Admiralty has made an Order transferring from the Ministry of Shipping to the Admiralty, the management and control of His Majesty's Coastguard.

The order came into operation at once.—Reuter.

CONCERN BUT NOT DISMAY

London, To-day.

Viscount Caldecote, the Dominions Secretary, read a statement in the House of Lords yesterday practically similar to that made by Mr. Winston Churchill in the Commons.

Referring to the Belgian Government, he added the words "which remains the sole constitutional representative of the Belgian nation, which has disavowed the action of the King."

The statement was punctuated by cheers when reference was made to the British and French determination to continue the struggle.

Lord Snell, Leader of the Opposition, said: "The statement gives us all concern but we receive it without dismay."

It was surely their duty to try and give comfort to "our men who are defending a soil which is not their own by assuring them that in this new embarrassment they have our grati-

SEVERE DAMAGE IN CHUNGKING AIR RAID

Chungking, To-day.

An intensive raid on Chungking was carried out by 144 Japanese planes yesterday.

Two flights bombed the residential districts while two other attacks were made on the suburbs.

Chinese casualties are estimated to reach hundreds but foreign casualties are not yet reported, though bombs fell close to the foreign Embassies.

All windows in the French Embassy were broken and the occupants thrown off their feet by the explosions.

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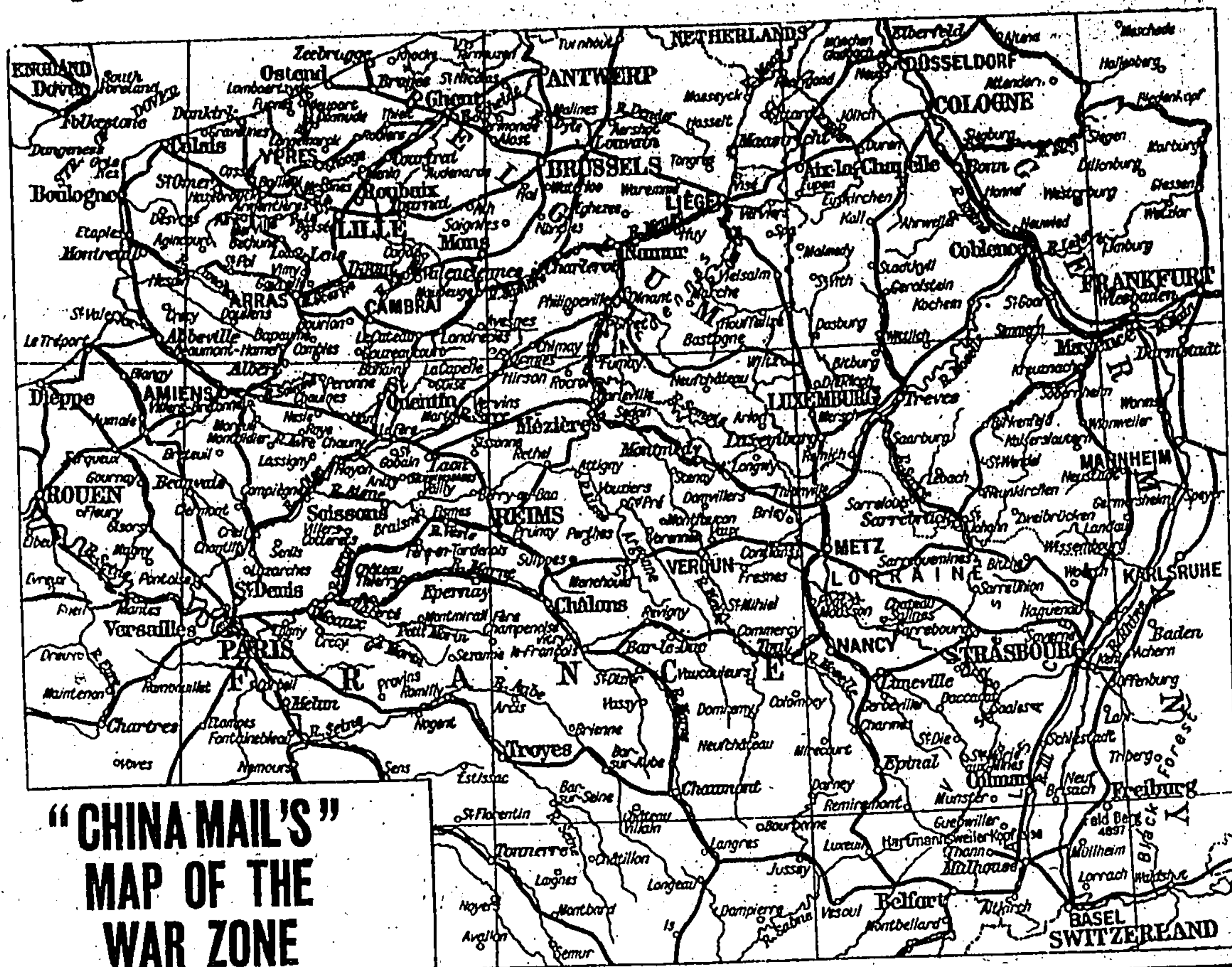
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SEVENTY-NINE GERMAN PLANES FALL VICTIM TO R.A.F. IN ONE DAY

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE R.A.F. HAD ITS BEST DAY SINCE THE INVASION OF THE LOW COUNTRIES ON MONDAY, WHEN 79 GERMAN PLANES WERE DESTROYED OR SERIOUSLY DAMAGED, 50 OF THESE CRASHING, THE OTHER 29 BEING DISABLED AND FLYING OFF.

Fourteen Hurricanes and Spitfires are missing, but some of their pilots are believed to be safe.

For 16 hours, they flew over the battle-field and French and Belgian ports. The first German plane was shot down before 6 a.m. and the last just before 9 p.m.

It was a bad day for Messerschmitts, for 22 were destroyed and nine more put out of action.

In the morning, four Messerschmitts dived on a lone Spitfire. He shot two down.

The new 2-engined Defiant fighters shot down 2 Messerschmitt-109's and 5 Heinkel-111's in two short fights.

The Fleet Air Arm and Coastal Command made effective attacks on enemy positions on the French and Belgian coasts, transports being destroyed and troops scattered. No R.A.F. planes were lost in these actions.

On Monday night, heavy bombers attacked enemy communications in the Rhineland and Low Countries, again without loss.—Reuter.

Military Objectives In Six Towns Attacked

London, To-day.
According to an official Air Ministry bulletin, British heavy bombers last night attacked military objectives at Dusseldorf, Dusseldorf, Dortmund,

Hamburg, Bremen and Cologne.

Yesterday's operations in North-East France resulted in the destruction of 22 enemy planes.

Stavanger aerodrome has been bombed again.

In the Narvik area, eight enemy aircraft were destroyed or damaged. From all these operations, thirteen British aircraft failed to return.—Reuter.

Spitfires' Feat

An attempt was made by Messerschmitt 109s, to surprise a Spitfire squadron in the morning, continues the communicate.

The Messerschmitts were escorting Dornier 17 bombers when they sighted the Spitfires. They hid among the cumulus cloud and made surprise dives. Four Messerschmitts dived on one Spitfire pilot, who shot down two of them.

The rest of the squadron destroyed five more Messerschmitts as well as one Dornier. In the afternoon the Spitfire squadron added four Dorniers

17 to its bag, three bursting into flames.

Another fighter pilot tells the story of a combat with a Heinkel III in four sentences: "We followed the Heinkel through several layers of cloud. I could see the pilot and navigator duck at each burst. Then the Heinkel's engine caught fire and stopped. The aircraft burst into flames on landing.

Grim Struggle

"R.A.F. fighters, bombers and reconnaissance aircraft have been doing their utmost to relieve enemy pressure on the Allied armies in the grim struggle now taking place in N. E. France.

"Yesterday, waves of R.A.F. medium bombers repeatedly attacked road and rail communications in the areas immediately between the German armies.—British Wireless.

"EVANS OF BROKE" HAS NEW POST

London, To-day.

The King has appointed Admiral Sir Edward Evans ("Evans of the Broke") to take charge of local protection and the security of organisation of all factories engaged in aeronautical work and aerodromes attached to them.—Reuter.

TWO TRAWLERS SUNK BY BOMBS

London, To-day.

The Admiralty announces that the trawlers Melbourne and Cape Passaro have been lost as the result of enemy bombing attack. Four ratings in the Cape Passaro were lost. There were no casualties in the Melbourne.—Reuter.

GERMAN VERSIONS

London, To-day.

The first German announcement gave the impression that the news of King Leopold's surrender took Berlin by surprise. Later, it was said that he had asked for an armistice and then accepted the German demand for unconditional surrender.—Reuter.

TROMSOE EVACUATION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

The correspondent of the "Social Demokraten" in north Norway reports that the population of Tromsø has been evacuated owing to the increasing danger of air raids.—Havas.

TREATY WITH YUGOSLAVIA RATIFIED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Moscow, To-day.

The Supreme Presidium of the U.S.S.R. has ratified the treaty of commerce and navigation with Yugoslavia and the supplementary protocol signed in Moscow on May 11.

Meanwhile it is expected that a Russian trade delegation will be despatched to Belgrade around June 15.

Yugoslavia is likely to extend to Russia formal de jure recognition shortly.

Among candidates for the post of first Yugoslav Minister to Moscow are M. Shumenkovich, Minister to Turkey, and General Maximovich, Inspector-General of the Yugoslav army.

Yugoslav recognition of the Soviet would inevitably mean certain changes in the Belgrade Cabinet. One of these changes may be the entrance into the Cabinet of M. Jorjovich, former Finance Minister.—Havas.

CHINESE GUNNERS ACCUSED

Four Chinese gunners attached to the Royal Artillery, Stanley, were before Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, charged with demanding \$50 with menaces from a student, Li Wing Keung, at the Lok Yuen Restaurant, Stanley, yesterday.

Accused were Chan Kim-hung, 22, Li Wah, 22, Kam Lui-sze, 22, and Cheung Yung, 25, who all pleaded not guilty, and were remanded for further enquiries.

TO COMBAT RUMOUR

London, To-day.

Mr. Harold Nicholson, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Information, revealed yesterday that the Ministry is endeavouring to devise a system by which every village and every street will have some recognised person to whom the public could look for guidance and accurate news in the event of a wireless breakdown.—Reuter.

PICKED UP WHARF PASS IN STREET

Charged with stealing cotton yarn, and trespassing in a prohibited area, Lan Ching, 20, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour by Mr. E. Himsforth this morning.

The yarn was found in his possession when he was searched near the entrance of the Kowloon wharf. Accused had used a pass he picked up in the street.

INDECENT PAPERS

Lau Cheung-tat, of No. 91, Wellington Street, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for distributing matter of an indecent nature at No. 7, Li Yuen Street East, on May 15.

Inspector G. W. Moreton said that a quantity of indecent vernacular newspapers was found in defendant's possession.

A fine of \$50 was imposed.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the ridge is merging into the anti-cyclone lying to the east and south-east of Japan. Pressure is relatively low over Manchuria and the trough extending from Indo-China to the Carolines. The Hainan depression appears to have filled up.

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B.E.F. IN CRITICAL SITUATION BUT WILL FIGHT ON

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THERE IS NO DISPOSITION IN WELL-INFORMED CIRCLES IN LONDON TO MINIMISE THE CRITICAL SITUATION IN WHICH THE B.E.F. FINDS ITSELF AS THE RESULT OF THE DEFECTION OF LEOPOLD.

It is emphasised that the B.E.F. is an unbeaten force. Whatever work they have had to do they have done, and they have never been beaten back or broken.

Every time they have been asked to counter-attack they have done so effectively, and when they have been asked to withdraw, they have done so in good order, without loss of discipline and morale.

Man for man against the Germans the B.E.F. had proved themselves superior to the German personnel.

It is pointed out that the B.E.F. had been marching and fighting continuously for over a fortnight with little rest, during which time they had been continually bombed, shelled and attacked by tanks, and they had not wavered.

This would have been impossible but for the confidence and trust reposed by the men in their leaders, and this confidence would not have existed had not the officers shown all the qualities of leadership and self-sacrifice which have always been the hallmark of the British Army.

Will Fight On

Not only has the B.E.F. had the normal difficulties of war to contend with but roads have been blocked by thousands of refugees and communications bombed and destroyed, involving constant revision in the way of Staff work.

The B.E.F. nevertheless has moved as a coherent whole throughout.

In their present position it will be almost impossible to re-orientate their front to attacks from every direction at once.

The British Army, with their French allies, will continue their fight.

It is pointed out that although the greater part of the B.E.F. is in north France, it is not all there.

Useful Purpose!

In continuing their fight the British and French are serving very useful purposes, one of which is to give the French valuable time to strengthen their front on the Somme and Aisne.

When the history of the past fortnight comes to be written, it is declared, this battle will rank among the finest feats ever performed by British arms.—Reuter.

BELGIANS BITTER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

THE PARIS CORRESPONDENTS OF BELGIAN PAPERS IN FRANCE YESTERDAY PUBLISHED A MANIFESTO DECLARING THAT LEOPOLD HAD CAPITULATED.

Leopold betrayed his country and failed in his constitutional oath, the manifesto declares.

Leopold took upon himself to betray Belgium and in doing so he obliterated the sublime page that King Albert, his father, wrote in Belgian history.—Havas.

MANY WEEP UNASHAMED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

A MOVING CEREMONY OCCURRED AT THE STATUE OF KING ALBERT OF THE BELGIANS, FATHER OF LEOPOLD, NEAR THE PLACE CONCORDE YESTERDAY, WHEN THE BELGIAN PREMIER AND FOREIGN MINISTER, ACCOMPANIED BY THE PRESIDENTS OF THE TWO CHAMBERS, LAID WREATHS ON THE MONUMENT.

The wreaths merely bore the words "To-day refugees, to-morrow soldiers."

The monument was soon covered with bunches of flowers, while huge crowds sang the Belgian National Anthem and shouted "Long live Belgium."

A little later a group of Belgians brought a placard inscribed to the memory of the late King Albert and bearing the words "Give us strength to wash out the shame with which your unworthy successor has covered our unfortunate Belgium. We swear to avenge this felony."

Many of those watching the proceedings wept unashamedly.—Havas.

SHIPBOARD ACQUAINTANCES CLASH

Before Mr. E. Himsforth this morning, Li Leung, 42, was fined \$40, or one month's hard labour for assault and causing bodily harm to Chan Tin.

The parties were passengers on board a vessel which arrived here on Monday from Singapore. Accused struck Chan Tin with his fist and knocked him down. In falling, Chan cut his head.

CHINA AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Shanghai, To-day.

The Finance Ministry of the Chungking Government has ordered Chinese commercial banks which operate a savings department to invest 20 per cent of the money in these accounts in the development of agricultural enterprises in the interior in accordance with Government regulations, states the "Sin Wan Pao." — Reuter.

GOERING'S THREAT

Berlin, To-day.

On Goering's orders, all French air force prisoners of war are to be shackled immediately on capture and kept in separate camps, according to a German agency announcement.

They will also be deprived of all allowances previously granted them.

The agency continued: "Every time the murder of a German airman is reported, Goering will have five French airmen shot."

"The same applies in the case of German airmen fired at while jumping for their lives in parachutes, except that in such cases he will have 50 French prisoners shot."

"This measure will not apply to captured British airmen, as the British have so far given no reason for such counter-measures."—Reuter.

REFUSE INTO FERTILISER

Experiments are to be carried out in Hong Kong to ascertain the possibility of converting Hong Kong's refuse into valuable fertiliser by means of the Indore process.

A vote of \$1,000 to cover cost of tanks, tools, personnel, etc. is to be presented in Legislative Council Finance Committee to-morrow.

ENORMOUS CROWDS IN EATON SQUARE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

An enormous crowd gathered in front of the Belgian Embassy yesterday after news of Leopold's betrayal became known.

The Belgian Ambassador arrived at the Embassy at 10 o'clock, looking very sad, but refused to receive the press.—Havas.

WAR WORK IN TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

A Ministry of Education order demands technical schools and colleges throughout the country to help the war effort by concentrating on the production of implements used by the army and war industries.—Havas.

BRITISH FIRM TAKING OVER NORWEGIAN SHIPS

Shanghai, To-day.

Many Norwegian steamers now in Shanghai are understood to have been chartered to a local British shipping firm by whom shipping services between the Far East, Europe and the United States are to be resumed, says the "Sin Wan Pao." — Reuter.

WE CAN'T BE BEATEN

Sydney, To-day.

Addressing a huge "win the war rally" yesterday, the Prime Minister, Mr. R. G. Menzies, said: "The light of freedom is flickering all over the world but there is a flame in every British heart which never goes out."

"We can't be beaten because the immortal things in life are indestructible."—Reuter.

LEOPOLD'S ACTION NOT EXCUSABLE

From Military Viewpoint

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

From a military viewpoint, King Leopold's action is inexcusable, state semi-official Paris quarters. It is not only contrary to all codes of military honour but to capitulate in full campaign, undefeated, is perhaps without precedent.

This is all the more so when it is learned from neutral sources in Berlin that the bitterness of the Allied resistance in Belgium had upset the plans of the Nazi High Command.

Paris quarters also view with distaste the methods he adopted. He arrived at and acted on his decision without even consulting General Blanchard, Allied Commander in that area. He left uncovered the Allied left-wing, for the Allies were defending to the south and east of Dunkirk, leaving the defence to the north in the hands of the Belgian Army. — Havas.

SIR ROGER KEYES ON LEOPOLD

London, To-day.

Admiral of the Fleet Sir Roger Keyes, who was with King Leopold until late on Monday night, said yesterday: "I trust that judgment on King Leopold will be suspended until all the facts are known."—Reuter.

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

A DINGDONG STRUGGLE

It is inevitable that there should be considerable fluctuation in the titanic struggle which is proceeding in France, and the fact that the Germans have again been able to make some headway should cause no dismay. The initial momentum with which the enemy commenced the invasion of the Low Countries and France has been very considerably reduced, and the probabilities are that in the near future there will even be a further reduction. The further the Germans get away from their supply bases, the longer their lines of communication grow, the more vulnerable do they become, while the ability to deliver severe and disrupting blows to the enemy's rear calculated to hamper the bringing up of supplies, is something which must always be kept in mind. What the world is seeing is the putting into the operation for the second time of the plan formulated by Count von Schlieffen in 1905 for the invasion of France. That is modified to the extent that whereas the von Schlieffen plan contemplated Germany having to fight on two fronts, Germany is now fighting on one. Roughly speaking von Schlieffen's plan was to seek a decision against France by a great enveloping movement across the Meuse, through Belgium and beyond the zone of French frontier defences. From this it will be plain that the invasion of the Low Countries for the purpose of "protection" as claimed by the enemy, is in fact just the same assault on the neutrality of the Low Countries as was contemplated by the German strategist thirty-five years ago. Von Schlieffen's successor, the younger von Moltke, accepted the plan in principle, but as years passed after 1905, and the offensive spirit developed so strongly in the French army, it was modified to the extent of strengthening the German left wing in Alsace-Lorraine. To this von Schlieffen was to the end of his life bitterly opposed, always insisting that risks should be run in that area in order that the right should be made as strong as possible. Nevertheless, the plan, as it developed in August, 1914, involved the throwing into Belgium and France of seven armies consisting of ten cavalry, seventy-two active and reserve divisions, six Ersatz divisions and fourteen Landwehr brigades. Germany at the time was ahead of the rest of the world in the provision, and tactical employment of machine guns, and heavy artillery, and her plan of campaign was in fact a judicious combination of offensive, and defensive methods. The story of how that scheme was eventually brought to naught and the Germans defeated after more than four years of bitter warfare, is already well known. The Allies passed through weeks, and even months of anxiety as the various German offensives were worn down, and the initiative finally wrested from German hands. The position in this war is somewhat different from that in the early days of the last. The perfection of solid defences by both sides in the shape of the Maginot Line and the Western Wall has, to the greatest extent possible, removed those risks which von Schlieffen was prepared to run. There is also the absence of German preoccupation in the East which existed in 1914, and the sweeping movement contemplated by von Schlieffen is being undertaken with even greater forces than he provided for. Hence the severity of the enemy blows in the early days of the present battle. The employment of large forces, of mechanised troops, and the aeroplane, has imported new considerations into present day concepts of war, in almost the same manner as twenty-six years ago. Then what was expected to be a war of movement was eventually reduced to a positional struggle in which trenches and stabilised positions played their important part. Nowadays all that has been reversed, and at any rate for the time

being the war has turned out to be one of movement, and that at a speed which has never before been contemplated. The struggle in the "Battle of the Bulge" has been described as an enormous melee, with speedy tanks behind each other's lines, and rapid changes from the offensive to the defensive and vice versa as the temporary fortunes of the struggle dictate. Swift thrusts of tanks and armoured cars are being made and advances claimed which may never be consolidated. They in turn are being met with similar moves of the Allied mechanised forces and at the present all that can be said of the encounter is that it is becoming a dingdong struggle in which, at any rate for the moment, the enemy seems to have secured some advantage.—North China Daily News.

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SELF-INTEREST AND THE WAR

The American people are still more strongly opposed to war than they are to aggression. Even deep indignation over the Nazi invasion of Denmark and Norway has not so far crystallized in any move by which the United States would take a more active part in holding such crimes in check. Even alarm over the possibility of Japan going into the Netherlands East Indies and current reports that Italy is on the verge of joining Germany have not aroused any apparent feeling that America should take preventive action.

Indeed, by all tests of opinion and reports of observers, of which the last is our Intimate Message to-day, the determination to stay out has been growing firmer. Undoubtedly the struggle has come much closer to most Americans—even to those who judge by Greenland rather than the intangibles of ideals and influences—but so, too, has fear that steps "short of war" would lead to war.

It may be cogently argued that such steps would be the surest guarantee of keeping out of war, but if other nations could not see it when Manchuria and Abyssinia were invaded, if Britain and France could not see it before Munich nor the Scandinavian peoples when Finland was attacked, it may be understandable that America is still unconvinced.

Understanding is needed. It is needed among the belligerents to prevent condemnation of the United States which would only increase the difficulties of co-operation. It is needed in the United States because complaint that other nations did not resist aggression until their own interests were threatened is a poor excuse for repeating that action. And such centering on others' mistakes may hide the fact that America's own interests are involved.

Motives are wretchedly mixed, but undoubtedly one of the main restraints on further American action to check aggression is the contention that the Allies are merely fighting for their own interests and that nothing else is involved. Present United States Navy estimates and the possibility that American territory and commerce in the Atlantic will no longer be protected by Britain should awaken some citizens. And there are other interests of a less tangible but even more vital nature. The words of the British Ambassador, Lord Lothian, in his frank speech at St. Louis, point to considerations Americans cannot ignore.

Why do the Allies go on fighting? They are fighting, of course, first for their own existence. But they are also fighting because they are convinced that not only a victory by Nazi Germany but a truce with Nazi Germany would be the end of most of the values which Christianity and western democratic civilization have laboriously built up in recent centuries.—"Christian Science Monitor."

Massive Intervention By Allied Air Force To Save Northern Armies FRENCH ACTION ON SOMME

PARIS, TO-DAY.
WITH THE LEFT WING UNCOVERED THROUGH THE CAPITULATION OF THE BELGIAN ARMY, NEW DISPOSITIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY THE BRITISH AND FRENCH FORCES IN THE NORTH.

While beating off German attacks they are manoeuvring to the front in every direction from which danger threatens.

Massive intervention by the Allied air forces to assist the movement of the troops was reported last night.

British and French airmen are going into action with all means at their command to relieve the German pressure.

In the other war zones the Allied operations are having favourable results, especially on the Somme, where an important movement is being carried out.

The military spokesman said some indication of the nature of this movement may be given to-day.

It is estimated that some 300,000 surrendered in consequence of Leopold's decision.

Although Leopold's action opened the road to Dunkirk to the Germans, the Allied Command has never lost its coolness for a moment. The watchword was immediately circulated "The British and French go on fighting."—Reuter.

French Communique

A communique said the decision taken by the King of the Belgians permitted the enemy to increase the pressure in the north, where the British and French troops are still fighting with the same resolution.

Engagements, which are developing favourably for our troops continue on the Somme.

Our bombing planes continue their action against enemy aerodromes and columns day and night.

There is nothing to report on the rest of the front.—Reuter.

Progress on Somme

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The French military spokesman stated last night that the French operations on the Somme were developing rapidly from local engagements into operations of considerable importance.

Preliminary reports from the fighting zone indicated that the French drives were making steady progress.—Havas.

DUTCH INSURANCE

The Consulate-General for the Netherlands in Hong Kong announces that, according to a telegram received from the Department of Commerce in Batavia, the Netherlands Indies Government has, in connection with the discontinuation of re-insurance by the Home Government, formed a Government Institute for re-insurance named "Zeluva."

This institute will underwrite new marine insurance policies for Netherlands Indies interests, analogous to the former arrangement in the Netherlands under the Marine and Air Insurance Act.

RUMANIA ADDS TO PETROL DEPOTS

Bucharest, To-day.

The immediate construction of additional petrol depots at various strategic points throughout Rumania has been decided, to ensure the army always having supplies.—Reuter.

HEAVY NEW TAXATION IN AMERICA

Washington, To-day.

Administration and Congressional leaders have agreed to raise \$3,000,000,000 in new taxes during the next five years to defray the costs of national defence.

President Roosevelt has ratified a plan which provides for the immediate financing of defence by the sale of special national defence obligations valued at \$3,000,000,000.

Additional taxes amounting to between \$600,000,000 and \$700,000,000 will be levied annually and the proceeds used to retire national defence obligations and pay interest thereon.—Reuter.

14 AGAINST 44

London, To-day.

A Reuter correspondent with the R.A.F. describes how 14 Hurricanes engaged 20 Messerschmidts and 24 Heinkel bombers.

Nine Heinkels were shot down and two so badly damaged it is believed they crashed. One Messerschmidt was chased and almost certainly destroyed.

The Hurricanes suffered no loss or even damage.

During attacks behind the enemy's lines, three aerodromes were attacked and large fires caused. Direct hits were also made on railway lines and a viaduct.—Reuter.

HEAVY A.A. FIRE OFF ENGLISH COAST

London, To-day.

German planes off the South-East coast of England bent on bombing shipping were met with the heaviest barrage of anti-aircraft guns yet heard on that part of the coast.—Reuter.

ITALY MAY TAKE CUE FROM LEOPOLD CAVE-IN

Rome, To-day.

Leopold's surrender, which the evening papers declare entails serious consequences for the Allies, may be a determining factor in Italy's attitude to the war, it is felt here.—Reuter.

FATE OF NAZI PARACHUTISTS

London, To-day.

The number of German parachutists landing in Holland was probably 10,000, of which 7,000 were shot or killed in other ways, according to two Dutch gentlemen who visited the House of Commons yesterday at the invitation of Lt.-Col. Sir Walter Smiles, Conservative Member for Blackburn.

They stated the parachutists were armed with sub-machine-guns and automatic revolvers, and each carried sufficient tabloid foods to last seven days.

Many were killed and others had their legs broken through heavy landings.—Reuter.

SLUMP IN STERLING IN NEW YORK

New York, To-day.

The capitulation of Belgium shocked the foreign exchange market yesterday. Sterling went to its lowest level at 3.118 while the franc again swung from the figure at which it is supposed to be stabilised in relation to Sterling.—Reuter.

AIR RAID WARNING IN KENT

London, To-day.

The Air Ministry announces that an air raid warning was sounded in East Kent shortly before noon and the raiders passed signal half an hour afterwards. Towns as far inland as 20 miles were warned.—Reuter.

HOLD ON LIKE HELL

London, To-day.

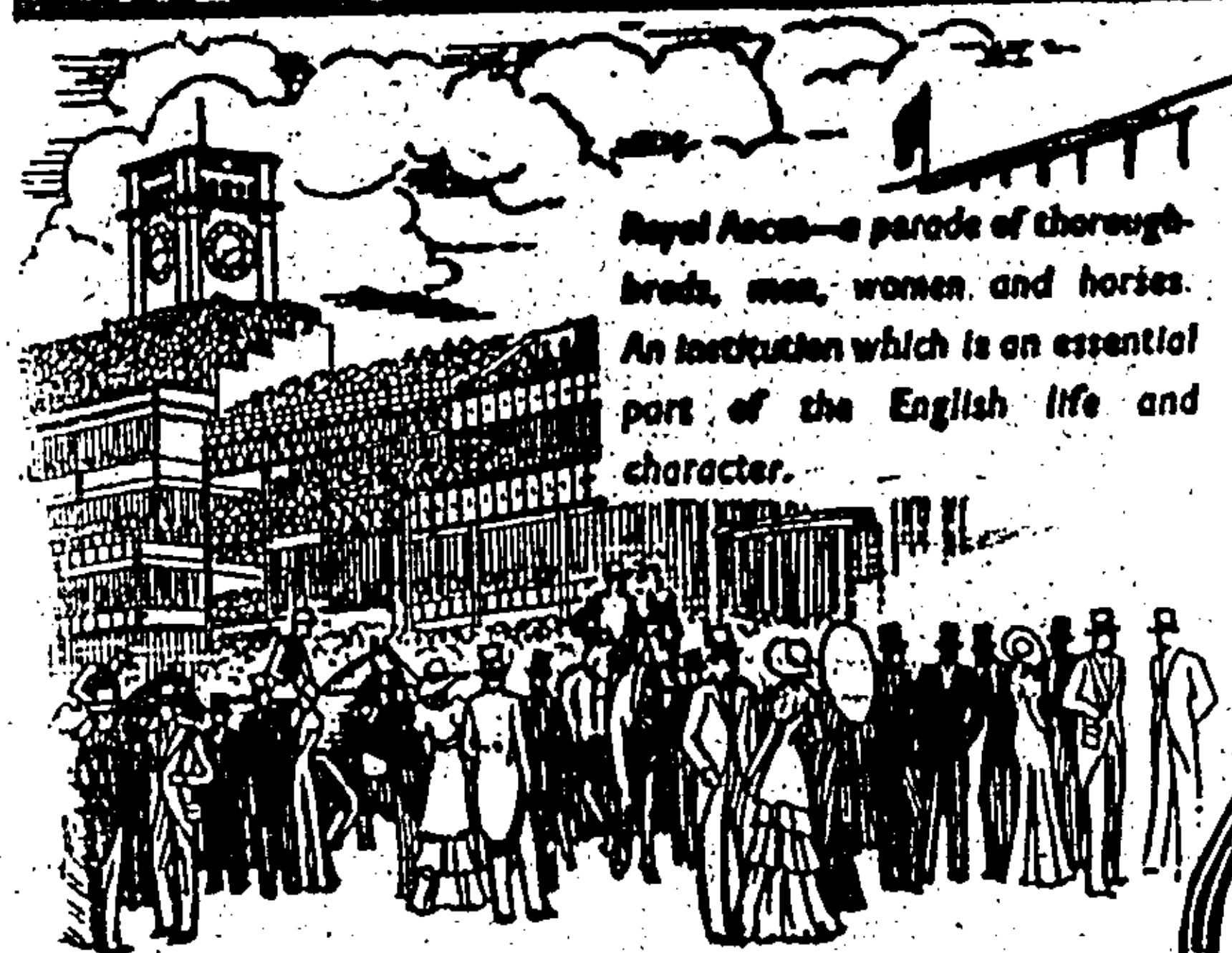
The immediate reaction of military quarters in London to King Leopold's grave decision was a renewed determination to continue the struggle at all costs.

"Hold on like hell," is our motto, declared a military spokesman to Reuter.

Competent quarters do not attempt to disguise the seriousness of the situation involving the sudden and unforewarned capitulation of an important section of the Allied line.

The problem of supplying the Allied forces in Flanders with food, arms and fuel has long been the object of close study, and the authorities are prepared to face the increasing disadvantage of supply by sea with the full co-operation of the Navy.—Reuter.

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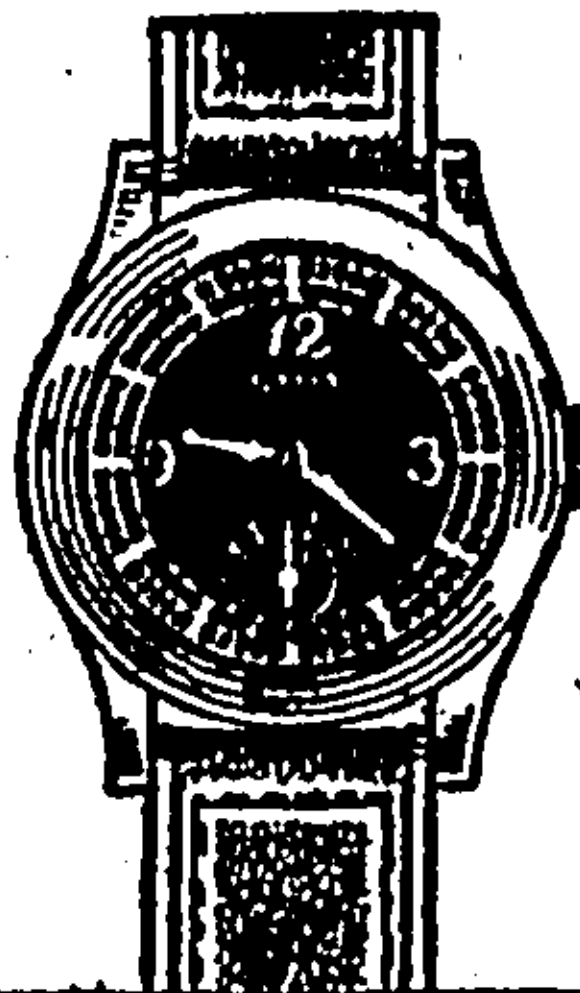
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STANDARD OF LIBERTY STILL FLYING HIGH

LONDON, TO-DAY.

BROADCASTING LAST NIGHT, THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION, MR. A. DUFF-COOPER, RECALLED HOW A WEEK AGO HE HAD SPOKEN OF THE DANGER IN WHICH THE BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE STOOD AND HOW HE HAD CONTENTED THAT EVEN IF THE ALLIES LOST THIS BATTLE THEY WOULD NOT HAVE LOST THE WAR.

He recalled those words when the danger of the B.E.F. was great indeed, and he would recall also other dark days in the last war.

They could all remember the retreat from Mons, when day after day weary British forces staggered down the roads of France with the German army pressing on their heels.

They could all remember in the following year how the Germans first used poison gas and the Allied soldiers had no defence till it seemed the enemy would carry all before him.

They could remember the submarine campaign of 1917 when the enemy were sinking one out of every four ships that sailed from or to Britain.

They could remember, too, the last great offensive in March, 1918, which for many days drove all before it.

the British Commonwealth and the French Republic.

Fluttering Flag Of Liberty

"Towards that same standard are flocking the remnants of the fighting forces of those unhappy countries upon whom has descended the horror of German tyranny.

"Czechs and Poles, Norwegians and Dutch—yes, and Belgians too—are still desperately desirous of fighting for the freedom that their countries have lost.

"And on that fluttering flag of liberty are fixed the anxious eyes of all free men all over the world. They know it is their emblem, as much as it is ours and they tremble to think it could ever be pulled down.

"They need not tremble. Their cause is safe. We are not vainglorious and we will not boast but our hearts are calm and our resolution firm."—British Wireless.

Never Lost

"On each of those occasions it seemed to many of the fainthearted that the war was lost. But it never was—and all these events which seemed disastrous at the time proved but the prelude to victory."

After warning the public against Nazi propaganda, which still sought to divide the British and French, Mr. Duff-Cooper turned to the military position.

"The enemy have succeeded in forcing their way through the lines of the Allies and have reached the sea but the armies of the Allies have not been defeated and whenever we have met the enemy, whether on land, on sea or in the air, we have proved our superiority.

"It will be necessary to do our utmost to withdraw our army from the positions they now occupy but it will not be a defeated army we shall withdraw.

Confidence Unshaken

It will be an army whose courage is still high and whose confidence is still unshaken and in which every officer and man is still burning with desire to meet the enemy in combat.

"The army knows how we have driven German ships from the sea and how the German air force have repeatedly, although in superior numbers, turned tail before us in the air, and the army are hungry for an opportunity of meeting German soldiers on the field. That opportunity will come to them in due course."

The Minister concluded: "The standard of liberty is still flying high and under it are the massed armies of

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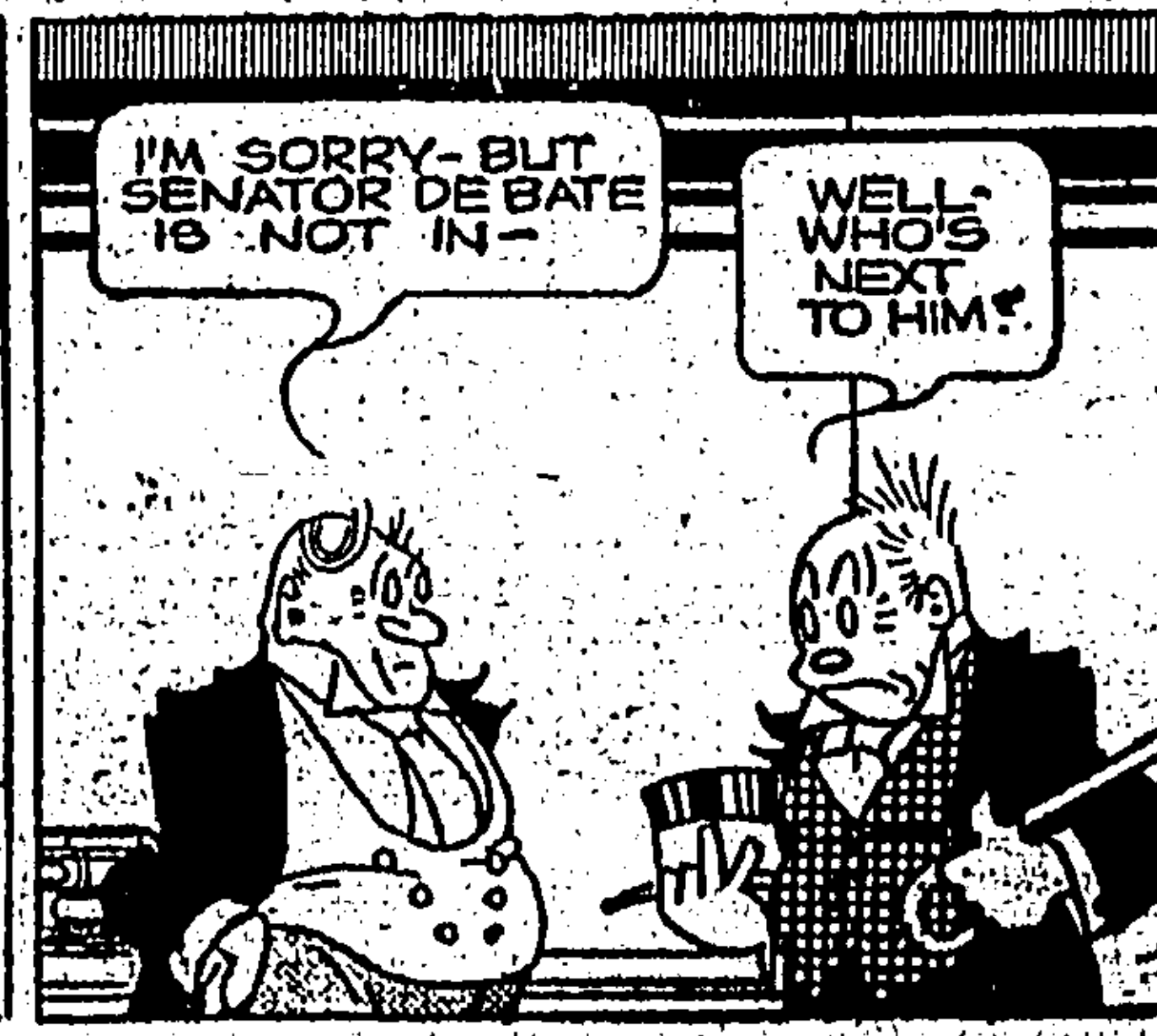
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"As the danger increases our courage rises. The cause of liberty is safe, and the final victory will still be ours."—Reuter.

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SCARCELY POSSIBLE TO EXAGGERATE GRAVITY OF POSITION

London, To-day.

"THE TIMES," EXAMINING the new position created by Leopold's surrender, states it is scarcely possible to over-estimate the gravity of the situation created by this unforeseen defection from the Allied cause.

It points out that the Allied campaign for the defence of the Low Countries has been fought under all possible disadvantages which have given us the worst of both worlds.

Whilst it is careful to make clear the unconstitutional nature of Leopold's decision, the paper says there is, however, no reason to reject the plea for a suspension of final judgment until the full facts are known.

After showing that the British Army is as yet undefeated while the Navy and Air Force have shown the ascendancy in their field, "The Times" says in order that these irresistible forces may be brought into play for the destruction of Nazism, it is essential that Britain and France endure to the end.

The peril is imminent but the nation is awake. This people has before now come near to disaster before it would be aroused; but being roused it does not lay down its arms until the danger is repelled and the aggressor overthrown.

Immediate Effect

Commenting on the great response by the Empire to Britain's needs in the fight against Nazism, "The Times" states at every critical moment in this story of the Empire the example set by the Government and people of the Mother Country has a great and immediate effect throughout the Dominions and dependencies.

The example set in this country of national unity and common effort to meet an unprecedented danger has given an inspiring lead which is everywhere being followed.

CHEER-O VAUDEVILLE

The following artistes are appearing for the entertainment of Servicemen at the Cheero Club at 9 p.m. on Friday.

Jean Greig, Les Gibson, John Gilchrist, Albert Gordon, Audrey Oakenfull, Anne Organ, Claire Shand, Maude Waller, Arnold Sutton and Bill Wimslett.

A special dance number has been arranged by Mr. George Goncharoff and will be presented by the pupils of his School of Dancing.

The Show, which is billed as "vaudeville" in Two Non-Stop Spasms will be compered by David Kossick.

All servicemen are welcome and admission is free.

SURPRISE CHINESE AIR RAID

Shanghai, To-day.

A surprise raid was carried out by Chinese planes over Chungsiang (Anlu) yesterday, states a report from Chungking to the "Sin Wan Pao."

Chungsiang is a strategic town on the Han River in central Hupeh.

The Chinese planes bombed a thousand Japanese military trucks and thousands of soldiers. High explosive bombs were used and incendiary bombs which set fire to Japanese ammunition and provision depots. — Reuter.

TAIKOO ACCIDENT

Tung Yuk, 42, was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday suffering from burns on the face and arms received while at work on board a ship in Taikoo Dockyard.

In examining the international reaction to Leopold's defection, which the Italians find justified and which it says has only welded those who still defend the cause of liberty in a yet firmer resolve to endure until the final victory, "The Times" quotes Mussolini's 1914 Parma speech— "There are ignoble worms who cast it in Belgium's teeth that she defended herself—she could have given the Germans a free passage—but Belgium lives and will live because she refused the ignoble bargain."

The "Daily Telegraph" feels that discussion of Leopold's decision at the present moment is not called for and that in France no less than our own country the effect of the disastrous breaking of the line is a hardening of the resolution.

Not Fact But Method

The paper finishes on the note that while the morale of our working classes is extremely high let the industrial effort of our people be worthy of the men fighting and dying for them, and there is within our reach such a deliverance as shall never be forgotten by any revolution of time that the world has to furnish.

Other papers discuss in extenso Leopold's decision and its effects on the present campaign.

The "Daily Mail" says at this moment let us not forget the heroic resistance of the Belgian army.

The "Daily Express" says let us now leave it to the Belgians themselves to pass judgment on their ruler.

The "News Chronicle" thinks it is not the fact of the surrender but the method that is deplorable.—Reuter.

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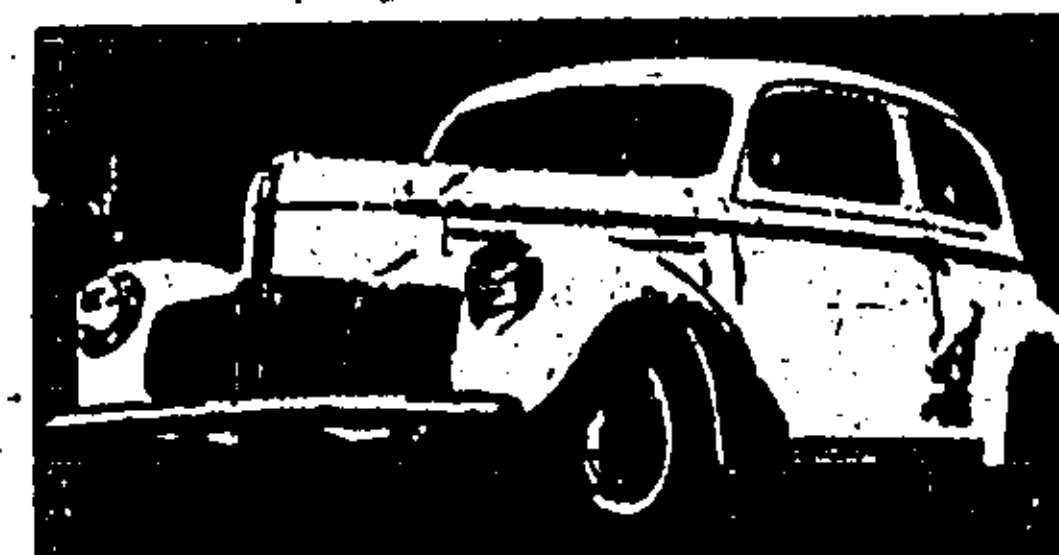
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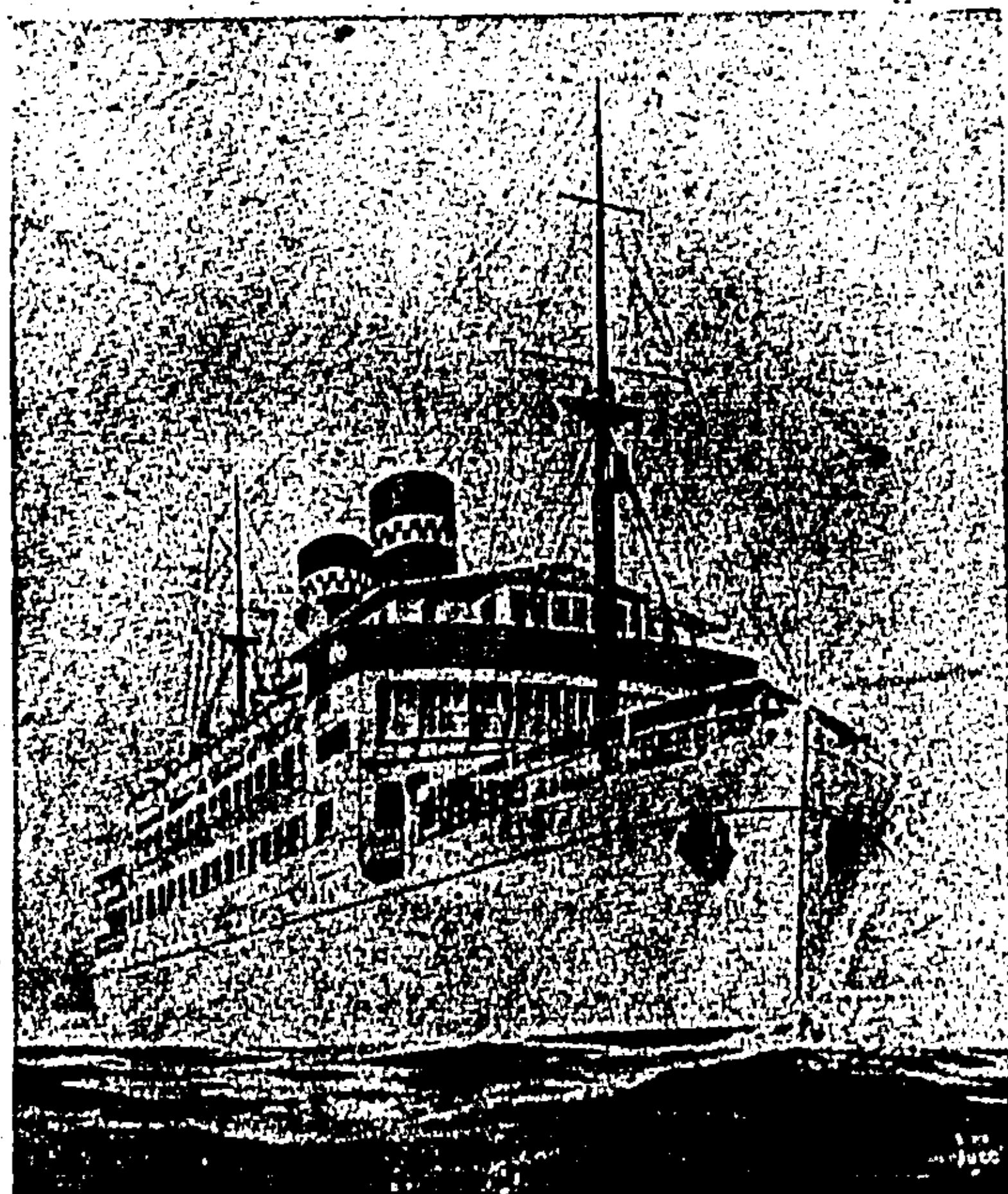
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PROMPTITUDE AND ACCURACY AT WAR

London, To-day.

"THE DUTY OF THE Ministry of Information is first and foremost that it should give the maximum information to the people of this country with the minimum delay," declared Mr. A. Duff-Cooper, the Minister of Information, replying to the debate on the Ministry's Estimates in the House of Commons yesterday.

"Unfortunately," he added, "promptitude and accuracy are ever at war with one another."

"Rumour is one of our greatest enemies. You can give no greater assistance to rumour than allowing it occasionally to be right."

"It is our duty abroad to encourage all those forces in neutral countries which are still on our side and all those silent voices but not deadened brains inside enemy countries who loathe the things for which they have been compelled to fight."

"It is becoming ever more important that these forces should be stimulated. It is equally important that we should do our best to guide, influence, lead and inform opinion at home."

"It is essential at all times to tell the public the truth, because the people of this country, knowing all the facts, would never react towards them, however dire and terrible they might appear to be, but with confidence and courage. (Cheers)."

Fighting Rumour

"Rumour is the great enemy of true news and it is impossible to suppress rumour."

"We can fight against rumours and we are fighting them," he declared.

Mr. Duff-Cooper agreed that the Administration should endeavour to centralise the control of all sources of information and he was doing his best to effect such centralisation.

There were important elements in Germany, he continued, who had no sympathy with the present regime or the crimes committed by Hitler.

"I should certainly do everything in my power to convey to the ever-existent and crushed minority within the enemy country the views we hold here and to lead them to hope that when the war is over and a better regime exists throughout this continent, that to these people also should be given an opportunity for sharing in the full in what prosperity remains for any of us."

"That is the first message we should send them."

In The End

"The second message is certainly that in the end they must be defeated and that it is for them to oppose the

continuance of the war and wish for the earliest possible peace."

"The sooner the peace the more will be left for them and others to share in Europe."

"I have found little difficulty in obtaining the necessary funds for the necessary activity of the Ministry, and if we can shorten this war by one day it will represent almost all the money which has been spent on our efforts."

"I believe it possible that the activities of a Ministry such as this can shorten the war by weeks, months or even years."

"It is our business to see that public opinion is well informed, well instructed and harnessed to the duty which civilisation demands of it." (Cheers).—Reuter.

WAR'S TOLL OF SHIPPING

London, To-day.

The Admiralty announces that mercantile ship losses due to enemy action in the week ending May 19 were one British ship of 629 tons, three Allied totalling 29,552 tons and four neutral vessels totalling 16,120 tons.

The German tanker Kattagat and the steamer Rosario, both of 8,000 tons, were sunk by the Norwegians. —Reuter.

BELGIAN SURRENDER AND STOCK MARKET

London, To-day.

Following the Belgian news, quotations on the Stock Exchange yesterday widened and were made purely nominal. During the morning, trading was a matter of negotiation but subsequently dealing in small parcels of securities became easier. Gilt-edged recovered from the day's lowest levels while Egyptian bonds improved.

Wall Street was weak. —Reuter.

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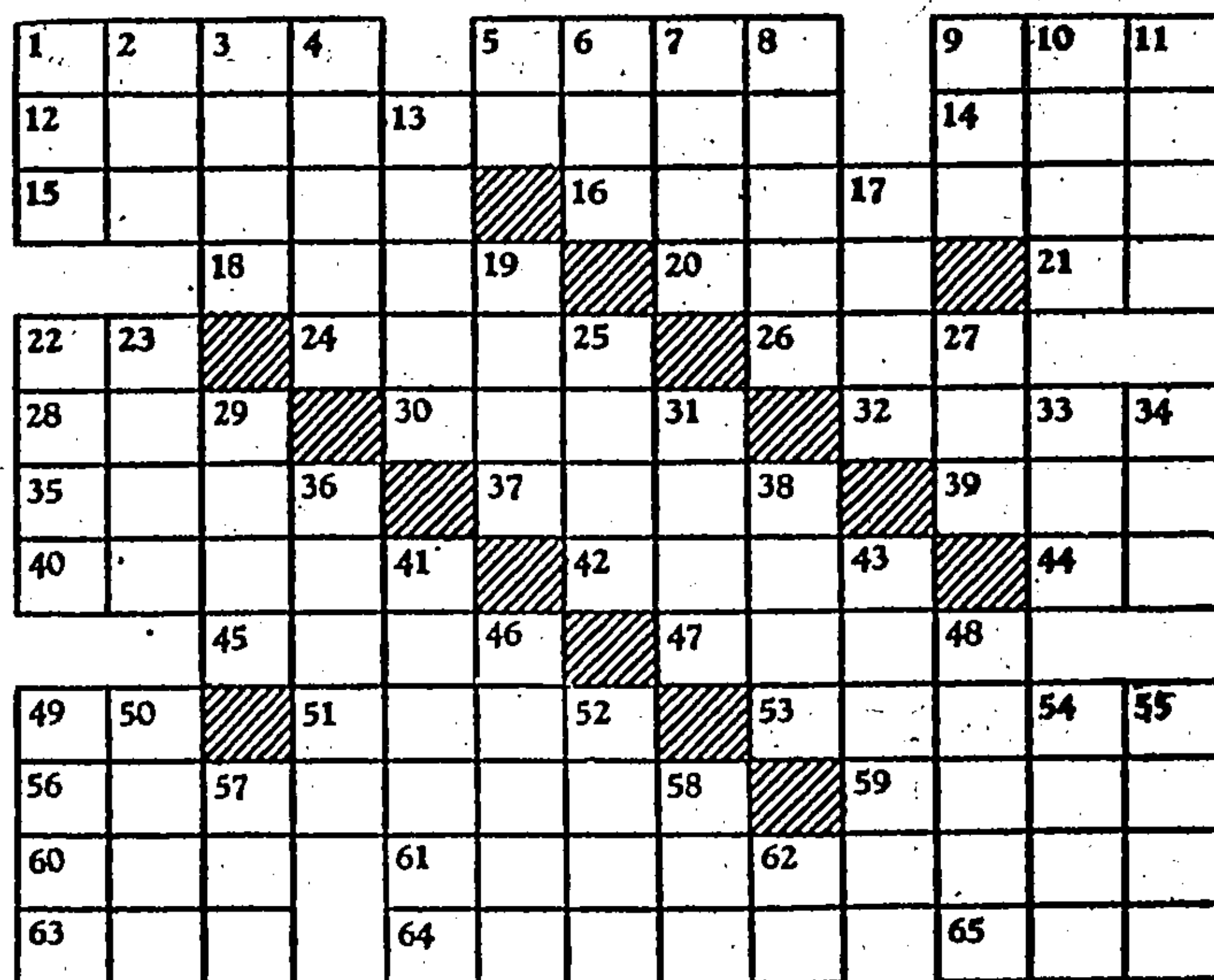
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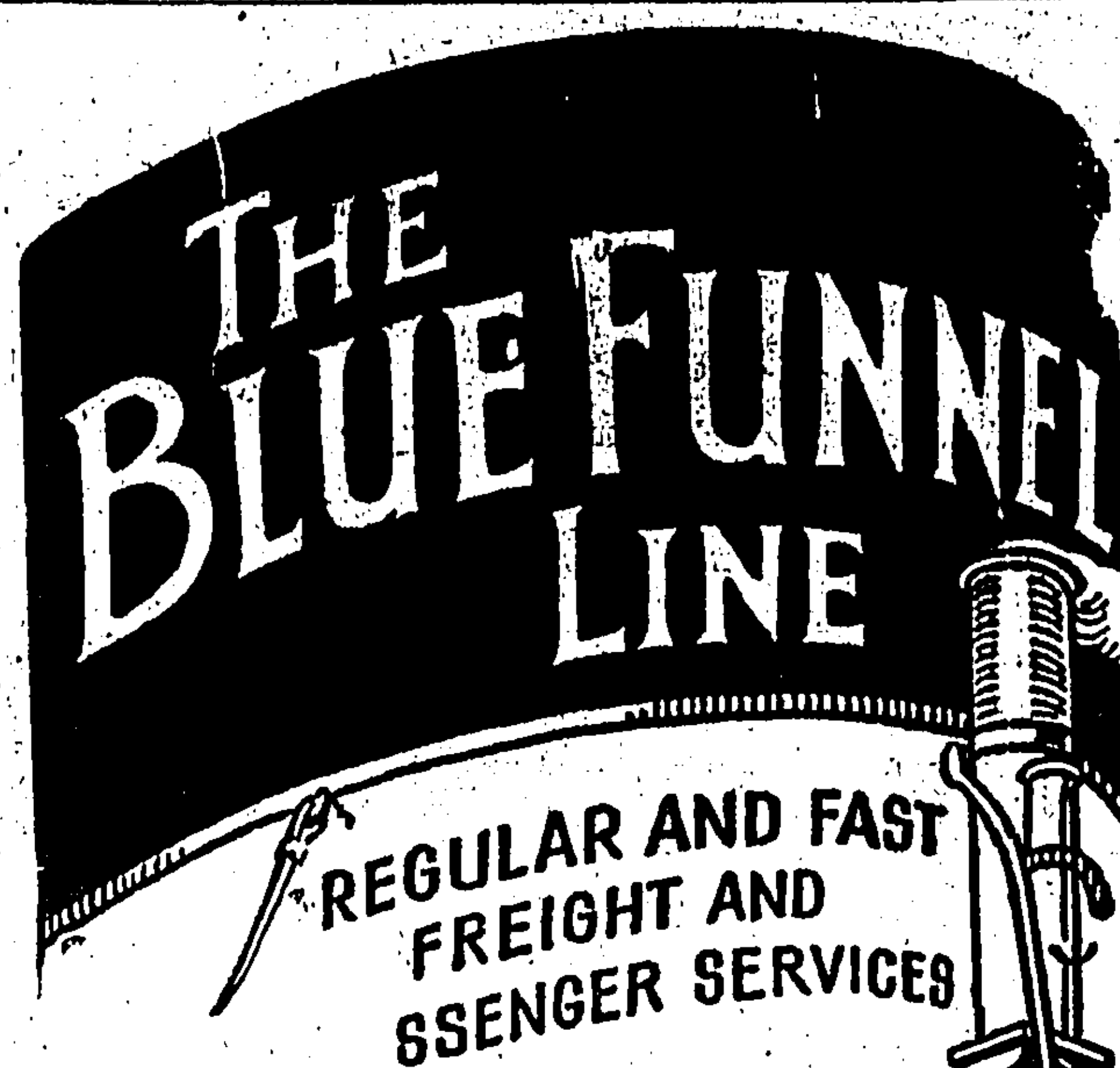
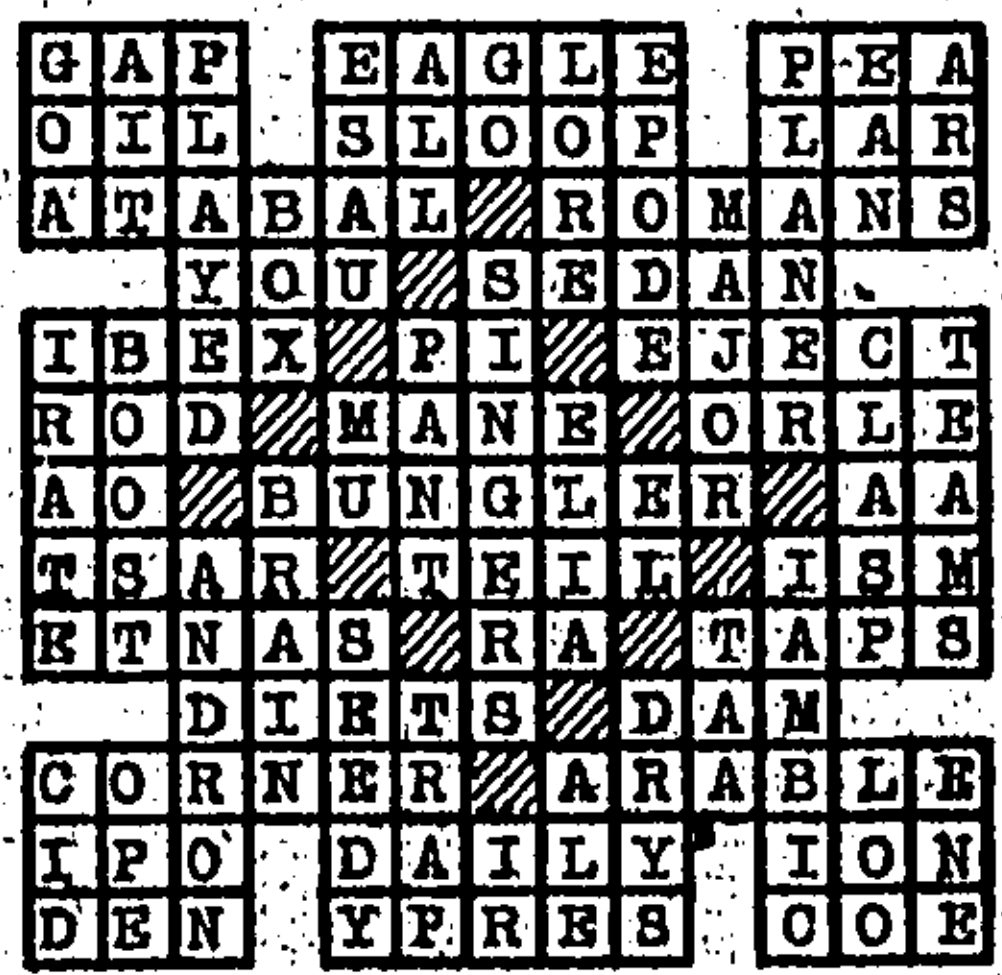
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COTTON CRISIS IN MANCHURIA

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HSINKING, TO-DAY.

ASSISTANCE FOR THE MAN-
CHURIAN COTTON SPINNING IN-
DUSTRY, WHICH IS FACING A
CRITICAL SHORTAGE OF RAW
COTTON, WAS THE OBJECT OF A
SUDDEN TRIP TO JAPAN BY MR.
ISHIBASHI, DIRECTOR OF THE
MANCHURIA SPINNERS' FEDERA-
TION.

Recent negotiations revealed that

Chosen and Central China will be un-
able to supply the necessary quota of
raw cotton to Manchukuo. Mr. Ishi-
bashi is expected to open negotiations
with Japanese circles with the aim of
obtaining sufficient raw cotton to en-
able Manchurian spinners to continue
operations at least until October.

The previous agreement provided
for Japan sending 20,000 piculs of raw
cotton to Manchukuo. This agreement
has not yet been carried out and ap-
parently Mr. Ishibashi's intention is to
press the quarters concerned to ship
the above stocks immediately.

Should his efforts fail, he will en-
deavour to have a portion of the
stocks held by Japanese spinning com-
panies temporarily loaned to Man-
chukuo in order to tide over the
shortage.—Havas.



BABY'S OWN TABLETS

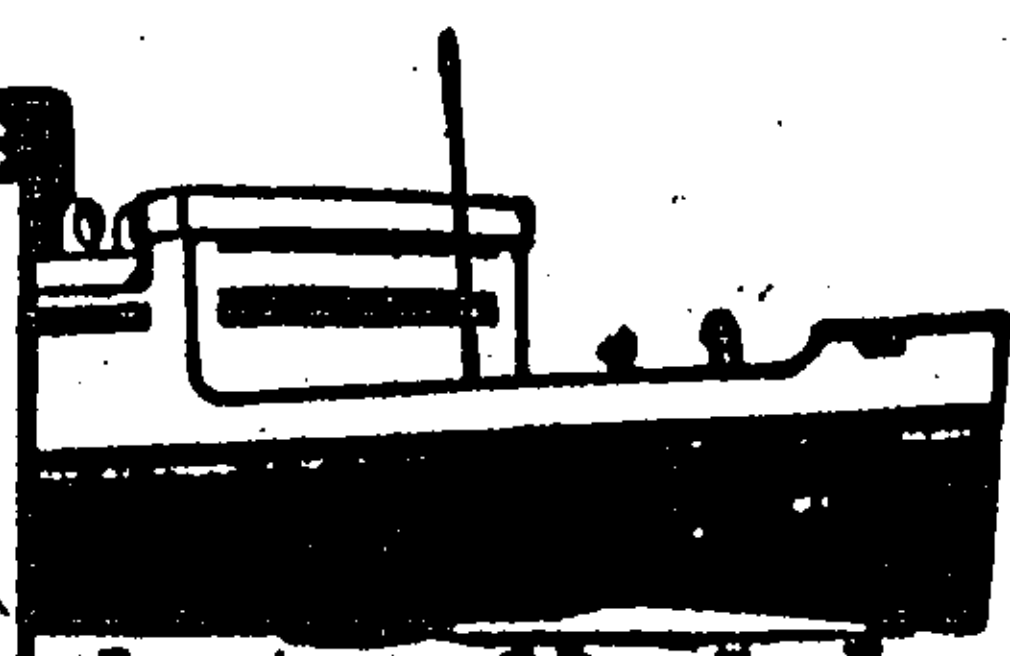
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Admiral Sir Roger Keyes and his wife, photographed just before Sir Roger left for Belgium to act as personal liaison officer to King Leopold. He was with King Leopold until Monday evening and in a statement yesterday he asked the public to suspend judgment.

COASTAL EVACUATION

London, To-day.

The Government has decided to re-move evacuated children from areas, whether rural or urban, within approximately 10 miles of the coasts of Suffolk, Essex, Kent and part of Norfolk.

No more children will be evacuated into these areas.

Children who had come from the London districts, numbering about 8,000 will be moved to the Midlands and South Wales.—Reuter.

UMPIRES TO MEET

The monthly meeting of the Hong Kong Hockey Umpires Association will be held at St. Andrew's Church Hall at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 31.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations to-day:—

BANKS

Hong Kong Bank \$1340 b.
Bank of East Asia \$73 b.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.

H.K. and K. Wharves \$95 sa.
H.K. Docks Rights \$4.60 sa.
Providents \$3½ sa.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

H.K. Tramways \$16 b.
H.K. Electrics \$59 b., \$59½ sa.

MISCELLANEOUS

H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 102 b.

MANILA SHARES

Antamoks Ps. .08 sa.
Baguio Gold Ps. .14 sa.
Batong Buhay Ps. .0075 sa.
Benguet Consol. Ps. 4.35 sa.
Big Wedge Ps. .14½ sa.
Coco Grove Ps. .05¼ sa.
Consol. Mines Ps. .0013 b.
Demonstrations Ps. .045 b.
East Mindanao Ps. .08½ sa.
I.X.L. Ps. .20½ sa.
Ipo Gold Ps. .048 b.
Itogons Ps. .14 sa.
Masbates Ps. .06½ sa.
Mind. Mother Lode Ps. .06¾ sa.
Mine Operation Ps. .05¼ sa.
North Camarines Ps. .02 b.
Paracale Gumaus Ps. .13 sa.
San Mauricio Ps. .48 sa.
Surigao Consol. Ps. .11 b.
Suyoc Consol. Ps. .09 b.
United Paracales Ps. .14½ sa.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 7/8.
Silver was quoted at 22 spot and 21-1/2 forward.

The cross rate London/New York was quoted at £-U.S.\$4.0250 and the New York/London rate at £-U.S.\$3.17-3/4.

MORE ALLEGED JUNK ROBBERS

ALLEGED TO HAVE TAKEN PART IN THE ROBBERY OF A TRADING JUNK ON JANUARY 24, SOUTH OF WAGLAN, FOUR MEN APPEARED BEFORE MR. E. H. WILLIAMS AT THE SUPREME COURT THIS MORNING.

Mr. J. Reynolds conducted the case for the Crown and the jury was composed of the following:—Messrs. A. Boulton (foreman), Cheun Yue-kee, Hui Wing-hing, Tsu Chang Yu, K. MacIntyre and S. Moosa.

The accused were Cheung Po-tin, Leung Tai, Yeung Sai-chan and Sin Yin-tai.

Cheung was the owner of a fishing junk, and Leung his foki, while Yeung and Sin were members of the crew of the victimised junk.

On January 26, Tse Choi, a travelling trader, left Cheung Sha-wan with a cargo of 629 tins of kerosene, 30 cases of matches and a large quantity of cigarettes.

Some distance south of Waglan a fishing junk came alongside with 10 men on board, six armed with rifles and four with revolvers. They forced the owner, two of the crew and two passengers into the hold, where they were kept for three or four hours. Later they were transferred to a boat, which the fishing junk had in tow, and at midnight were landed at Capsumun. Next day the junk was found at Ma Wan.

On February 24, police under Sergeant Hudson, accompanied by third and fourth defendants, visited Chung Sau-kok village, Castle Peak, and found some of the stolen goods.

The case is proceeding.

SUPPLIES SENT HOME

The British War Organisation Fund have sent the undermentioned hospital supplies and comforts to England this week by the courtesy of the P. and O. Steamship Company—12 cases hospital supplies, addressed to the British Red Cross; five cases Army comforts, addressed to the Army Comforts Depot; two cases Naval comforts, addressed to the Royal Naval Comforts Depot.

One of the cases addressed to the Army Comforts Depot has been earmarked for the use of the Royal Army Medical Corps serving in France.

Included amongst the knitted comforts are the following gifts from the foreign community of Shameen.—24 Balaclava helmets, and 48 pullovers.

The members of the Philippines Amateur Athletic Federation Football team en route to Tokyo had a run out on the Club ground yesterday afternoon in spite of the rain.

The team was met by officials of the Hong Kong Football Association and accompanied to the ground.



The mentally sketchy girl-friend says her favourite spring colour is green—especially the green in bank notes.

MR. LANSBURY'S ASHES

London, May 16.

Mingled with those of his wife, who died several years ago, Mr. George Lansbury's ashes are to be scattered over the sea off Land's End. No date has been fixed for this last ceremony, which will take place in private and will be performed by a member of the family. It will fulfil a written request made by Mr. Lansbury found at his home in London after his death. His family yesterday expressed their deep appreciation of the hundreds of letters, telegrams, and messages of sympathy, together with the many flowers which have been received. So great is the number that it will be impossible to acknowledge each individually, and in addition many have come from sources giving no address.

LAWN BOWLS TEAMS

The following have been chosen to represent Hong Kong Cricket Club in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday.

H.K.C.C.

Second Division (v K.B.G.C., At Home):—W. A. Cornell, J. Prentice, G. S. Archbutt and L. A. R. Duncan (skip); A. K. MacKenzie, J. L. Mouat, G. E. Costello and B. E. Maughan (skip); T. A. Pearce, E. Hospea, R. R. Davies and A. W. Brown (skip). Third Division (v K.B.G.C., At Home):—W. A. Cruickshank, L. E. N. Ryan, A. Nissim and P. S. Cassidy (skip); F. D. Angus, H. A. Angus, R. H. Wild and R. A. Edwards (skip); W. J. Hansen, A. S. Mitchell, E. S. Abraham and A. McKellar (skip).

CLUB DE RECREIO

First Division ("A" v C.S.C.C., At Home):—L. E. Xavier, F. X. Soares, R. F. Luz and H. A. Alves (skip); L. J. Silva, C. M. Silva; J. V. Ribeiro and F. X. Silva (skip); J. A. Luz, G. E. Marques, F. V. Ribeiro and G. G. Silva (skip). First Division ("B" v K.B.G.C., Away):—C. C. Pereira, D. C. Alves, A. P. Gutierrez and B. Basto (skip); F. A. Machado, C. H. Basto, C. Roza Pereira and J. J. Basto (skip); J. C. Remedios, A. P. Pereira, C. Lopes and J. Noronha (skip). Second Division (v T.D.R.C., Away):—M. Alarcon, A. F. Noronha, A. Rodrigues and O. P. Remedios (skip); P. M. N. Silva, J. A. Remedios, C. M. S. Alves and P. Yvanovich (skip); F. A. Xavier, H. R. Pinna, E. M. Remedios and E. Souza (skip).

COLONY CHESS

Following Colony Chess Championship matches were played last week:—

K. Weiss beat B. S. Litvin; A. Kurrik beat V. V. Kalatchoff; K. M. A. Barrett beat A. Biriukoff; E. Zimmern beat B. S. Litvin; L. Blair conceded a walk-over to Sir H. Pollock; L. Blair conceded a walk-over to E. Zimmern.

The positions of the players are as follows:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
K. M. A. Barrett	16	13	1	2	13½
E. Zimmern	14	12	1	1	12½
D. E. de Carvalho	15	10	1	4	10½
K. Weiss	15	10	1	4	10½
Sir H. Pollock	17	9	3	5	10½
B. S. Litvin	16	8	0	8	8
A. Kurrik	14	2	2	7	6
A. Biriukoff	17	4	2	11	5
V. V. Kalatchoff	17	1	1	15	1½
L. Blair	17	1	0	16	1

HAWKERS OF MACAO SWEEP TICKETS

Failing to appear before Mr. R. Edwards this morning, two shop foks, Wu Kan, 18 and Lau Chan, 24, had bail of \$15 each extorted. They were charged with hawking sweep tickets of the Macao Jockey Club.

Defendants were trying to sell the tickets for \$1.10.

Inspector J. O'Donovan is in charge of the case.

NAZI TREACHERY REVEALED BY M.P.

London, May 12.

"No doubt the Dutch wonder today, after what has happened to the bridges and boulevards in Rotterdam, what was the business of the 3,000 German business men in the city.

This comment on German treachery was made by Mr. Wedgwood Benn, M.P., in a broadcast talk last night, when he said:

"It was a German civilian pilot from Amsterdam who helped to guide German aircraft to Oslo, and it was the manager of a small bureau at Copenhagen who put on a uniform and appeared as a leader of the invading troops."

Mr. Wedgwood Benn ridiculed the German excuse that the Lowlands were preparing with the Allies to attack Germany.

"In Holland their one dread was to be involved. To suggest that they deliberately planned to be an advance battlefield is grotesque," he declared.

An argument, supreme in now-starving Denmark, that "the Germans would rather have supplies than a battlefield" was still advanced in south-eastern Europe.

"Will such shelter hold good? It is certainly of no more value than treaties or pacts, but is it bomb-proof?" he asked.

RAID ON HOTEL'S LARDER

Sentence of 12 weeks' hard labour was imposed on Ko Wun, 36, coolie employed at the Hong Kong Hotel, this morning, for stealing flour, butter, meat, sugar, coffee, bread, potatoes, a bottle of milk, a tin of Ovaltine, three oranges and six washing cloths, from the Hotel yesterday.

Mr. O. E. C. Marton was for the prosecution.

Defendant was employed by the Hotel at a salary of \$13 per month.

WATCHMAN WHO DID NOT WATCH

Mr. Henry Graye, of Concrete Products Limited, was fined \$25 by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for failing to have a watchman on duty at a dangerous goods store at Brick Hill, on May 16.

Sergeant A. F. Estall said he visited the store of which defendant was the licensee. There was no watchman on duty. About 10 minutes later, a Chinese, who said he was the watchman, arrived.

POLICE RESERVIST DANCE RAFFLES

The following was the draw for Raffles at the Chinese Police Reservist Dinner Dance on Saturday night: 18, 352, 124, 28, 93, 365, 574, 556, 144, 284, 26, 25, 392, 434, 23, 286, 113. Holders of the tickets are requested to call on Mr. Tso Huck-on at the Chinese Company Headquarters, Ped-

UNUSUAL CHARGE

Alleged to have worked with Japanese outside the Colony to steal cargo from a junk T3426H on or about May 8, Cheng Kam-kwai, was brought before Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, on charge of stealing or forcibly seizing junk T3426H and cargo, and receiving the junk, knowing the junk to have been stolen.

Mr. H. L. Kwan pleaded not guilty on behalf of defendant, who was remanded 48 hours.

TOUCH-AND-GO

Chan Sik-nam has informed the police that while he was driving taxi No. 905 in Hankow Road near the Peninsula Hotel yesterday, another car, driven by a European, collided with his right rear mudguard, and drove away.

HOUSES COLLAPSE

Three houses situated on Crown Land above Tai Foo Street, Sai Wan Ho, collapsed at about 9 a.m. yesterday, owing to the heavy rains. No person was injured.

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Variety Programme

6.00 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.32 p.m.—Variety with Harry Roy's Tiger Ragamuffins, Michael Moore, Florence Desmond, Fred Stein, Max Bacon and Others.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Vocal Programme by Winnie Melville, Essie Ackland, Raymond Newell and the Light Opera Company.
The Meaning of a Rose (Besly); Whisper In Your Dreams (Levinge); Winnie Melville (Soprano) with Orchestra.
Songs of the Past... Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

To-day's Wireless

ZBW 355 M. (845 k.c.'s) and 31.49 M.
9.52 Megacycles

Whatever Is, Is Best (Lohr); Here In The Quiet Hills (Carne)... Essie Ackland (Contralto) with Organ.
Farmer Jarge—A Song of Moral Re-Armament (George Fraser); Youth Awake! (from 'Songs of the Rising Tide'—Will Reed)... Raymond Newell and Chorus with Orchestra.
8.30 p.m.—Mendelssohn—Trio in D Minor, Op. 49. Cortot (Piano), Thibaud (Violin) and Casals (Cello).
9.00 p.m.—Orchestral Music.

A Midsummer Night's Dream—Nocturne (Mendelssohn); Wedding March (Mendelssohn)... Sir Thomas Beecham conducting the London Philharmonic Orch.
"Ruins of Athens"—Turkish March (Beethoven); Turkish March (Mozart)... Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Karl Alwin.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—Magazine Feature Programme No. 4. Recorded talks on London's Secret Fire Control Room, on a Wireless Operator's view of the War at Sea, and a description of the House of Commons in War-time.

Hour Of Dance Music

9.45 p.m.—Cicely Courtneidge and Jack Hulbert.
Our Greatest Successes. Intro: There's something about a soldier; My hat's on the side of my head; We'll all go riding on a rainbow; The flies crawled up the window; Sweep; All for a shilling a day; But not to-day; Gentlemen, The King... Cicely Courtneidge and Jack Hulbert with Orchestra.
Where There's You There's Me (film 'Jack of all Trades'); You're Sweeter than I thought you were (film 'Jack of all Trades')... Jack Hulbert with Orch.
10.00 p.m.—An hour of Dance Music.
11.00 p.m.—London Relay—"Matters of Moment".
11.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

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INCAUTIOUS PLAY

In to-day's hand a swing of exactly 1,600 points was involved. The bidding was highly competitive, with North and South finally reaching the contract of five spades, which West doubled and North promptly redoubled. One highly significant play should have given Declarer a clue to the fate that eventually befell him.

North, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ J 10 8 4
♥ 3
♦ K 10 9 6 5
♣ A Q 2

♠ K 7 5 3
♥ A J 10
♦ A J 2
♣ 9 6 4 3

♠ 7 5 3
♥ K Q 9 8
♦ 6 4 2
♣ Q 8 10

♠ A Q 9 6 2
♥ —
♦ 7 4 3
♣ K J 8 7 5

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♥
3♠	4♥	4♠	5♥
5♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
Redbl.	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the Ace of hearts, which South trumped. Having at least two diamond losers, Declarer decided to place all his eggs in one basket and gamble on the trump finesse. He therefore led a club to dummy, then took the spade finesse, whereupon the fireworks started. West won with his blank King and returned a club, which East trumped. A diamond return was won by West's Ace and East then obtained another ruff. East then played the diamond Queen and South had to lose another diamond trick.

South was down three tricks for a 1000 point penalty, whereas a little caution would have given him his re-

doubled contract. When he played a club to dummy and East's ten dropped. Declarer should have realized that it was a singleton. Furthermore, since West had doubled the contract, the probabilities were that he held the King of trumps. This being the case, South, simply to hold down his losses, should have gone up with the spade Ace, intending to exhaust trumps as quickly as possible. Playing the hand safely to hold the penalty down to as little as possible, South would have caught West's blank King and made his contract.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and held:

♠ A Q x x
♥ —
♦ K Q x x
♣ K 10 x x x

The bidding:

Schenken	Burnstone	You
1♥	Pass	(?)

ANSWER: Your correct response is two clubs. With a hand of this type it is most important that you show your distribution which can be done only by bidding your five-card suit. Furthermore, with none of your partner's suit, a jump-bid is inadvisable.

Score two clubs, 100%, one spade 40%, three clubs 40%.

QUESTION NO 422

David Bruce Burnstone is your partner and you hold.

♠ A Q x x
♥ —
♦ K Q x x
♣ K 10 x x x

The bidding:

Burnstone	Jacoby	You
1♦	Pass	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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EASTERN DEFEAT CHINESE XI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Manila, To-day.

Eastern won their fourth game here when they defeated the All Chinese team by 7 goals to 1. At the interval Eastern were leading by four clear goals through Chau Man-chi, (2), Chang Kam-hoi and Lee Tak-kee and in the second half Chan Kam-hoi added two further goals to register his hat trick. Lee Tak-kee scored the other goal.

Eastern were represented by the following:—Tsui-hang, Ng Kee-cheong and Lo Wai-kuen; Tse Kam-hung, N. Z. Lee and Hsu King-sing; Chung Yung-sum, Chang Kam-hoi, Lee Tak-kee, Chau Man-chi and Tsao Chou-ting. — Our Own Correspondent.

This was Eastern's last game in Manila as they are leaving for Singapore to-morrow.

The trip was not the financial success it was on Eastern's first visit.

The first two games realised gross gate receipts of Pesos 2,300. The first match was played in rain and only netted Pesos 800.

The departure of the Manila football team for Tokyo after the second game resulted in a large falling-off of gates at the remaining games.

The following were the results of the tour:—

beat P.A.A.F. Selection	4-3
beat P.A.A.F. Selection	5-2
(return game)	
beat Combined Manila team	6-2
beat Combined Chinese	7-1

PONY ROUP

BLUE DIAMOND AND MUSKETEER SOLD FOR \$1,500

A number of ponies were auctioned at the Public Pony Roup yesterday and Blue Diamond and Musketeer both fetched \$1,500 each. Blue Field was sold for \$1,000.

Many Thanks, winner and placed many times, was withdrawn as reserved price had not been reached. \$1,000 was the bid last received. Other ponies withdrawn were Golden Cow, National Pride, Rose Perfect, Care Free and Morning Glory.

The ponies sold were: — Zodiac, Mr. V. V. Needa, \$45; Loquacious, Capt. E. Holmes, \$15; Sports Gesture, Mr. V. V. Needa, \$55; Snowy River, Mr. F. F. Li, \$100; Lucky Eleven, Mr. C. L. Gregory, \$160; Blue Diamond, Mr. S. W. Lee, \$1,500; Blue Field, Mrs. S. W. Lee, \$1,000; King's Envoy, Mr. H. F. Shields, \$200; National Dignity, Mr. V. V. Needa, \$75; Commencement Bay, Mr. Yeung Wing-sing, \$125; Musketeer, Mr. Li Chi-choh, \$1,500; Catterick Bridge, Mr. C. L. Gregory, \$250; Soldier of China, Mr. C. H. R. Oxlade, \$70; Murray River, Mr. V. V. Needa, \$120; and National Honour, Sports II, \$130.

The following were the goal-scorers:—

Chan Kam-hoi	9
Hau Ching-to	3
Lee Tak-kee	3
Hsu Man-fui	4
Hsu King-sing	1
Chau Man-chi	2

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"C" DIVISION TENNIS PAIRINGS

Following are "C" Division League tennis pairings:—

	P.	L.	W.
S. A. Hussain and S. S. Hussain (K.I.T.C.)	6	0	6
H. R. Brown and C. S. Pile (H.K.P.S.C.)	6	1	5
M. S. Hussain and G. Singh (K.I.T.C.)	6	2	4
Ma Siu-leung and T. C. Chan (C.R.C.)	3	0	3
H. K. Ho and N. K. Ma (S.C.A.A.)	3	0	3
W. S. Lee and H. C. Kwok (S.C.A.A.)	3	0	3
A. R. S. Major and S. G. Smith (H.K.P.S.C.)	3	0	3
V. Morrison and J. Howlett (H.K.P.S.C.)	3	0	3
F. Khan and H. M. Singh (K.I.T.C.)	3	0	3
E. Zulauf and R. E. Lee (K.C.C.)	5	2	3
G. H. Fowler and B. I. Bickford (C.B.A.)	6	3	3
C. C. Luke and O. L. Pang (C.R.C.)	3	1/2	2 1/2
S. Khan and S. R. Salleh (K.I.T.C.)	3	1/2	2 1/2
J. Gonseca and R. M. Soares (C.D.R. "B")	2	0	2
L. G. Gosano and P. M. Rozario (C.D.R. "B")	2	0	2
A. M. Alves and J. A. Soares (C.D.R. "B")	2	0	2
P. Wynter-Blyth and A. L. Fisher (K.C.C.)	2	0	2
F. K. Lau and Leung Ping-chiu (C.R.C.)	3	1	2
Edward Lee and L. S. Chan (K.T.G.C.A.)	3	1	2
K. M. Lee and H. F. Kwok (K.T.G.C.A.)	3	1	2
D. Chan and W. Fong (K.T.G.C.A.)	3	1	2
C. L. Lau and T. K. Leung (S.C.A.A.)	3	1	2
J. Emberson and S. J. Duffield (A.T.C.)	3	1	2
G. A. Noronha and H. A. Noronha (C.D.R. "A")	3	1	2
V. Morrison and A. R. S. Major (H.K.P.S.C.)	3	1	2
B. G. Baker and D. Howlett (H.K.P.S.C.)	3	1 1/2	1 1/2
K. T. Tam and T. S. Wong (H.K.U.T.C.)	3	1 1/2	1 1/2
H. F. Goncalves and A. E. Noronha (C.D.R. "A")	3	1 1/2	1 1/2
D. Hung and J. L. Anderson (K.C.C.)	5	3 1/2	1 1/2
B. Yue and Lam Kwan (K.T.G.C.A.)	3	2	1
C. E. Marques and J. A. Soares (C.D.R. "B")	3	2	1
M. S. Yu and S. L. Yong (H.K.U.T.C.)	3	2	1
D. T. Smith and J. Sloan (C.B.A.)	3	2	1
H. Ling and E. Lee (K.T.G.C.A.)	3	2 1/2	1 1/2
P. Wynter-Blyth and A. Gillard (K.C.C.)	3	2 1/2	1 1/2
S. L. Yong and K. E. Tam (H.K.U.T.C.)	3	2 1/2	1 1/2
H. G. Kan and C. K. Lee (H.K.U.T.C.)	3	2 1/2	1 1/2
Y. Ip and G. C. Lau (H.K.U.T.C.)	3	2 1/2	1 1/2
D. Adlam and A. Murray (A.T.C.)	3	2 1/2	1 1/2
H. B. Joseph and W. J. Ciprin (J.R.C.)	2	2	0
Lee Kam-ming and Chan Leung-ze (K.T.G.C.A.)	3	3	0
J. Gonseca and M. A. Gutierrez (C.D.R. "B")	3	3	0
H. Boocock and A. Martin (A.T.C.)	3	3	0
A. R. Pollah and M. Talan (J.R.C.)	5	5	0
H. B. Joseph and Dr. Ramler (J.R.C.)	3	3	0
Talbot and W. J. Ciprin (J.R.C.)	3	3	0
S. A. Fowler and C. Broch (C.B.A.)	3	3	0
N. B. M. Whitley and S. A. Fowler (C.B.A.)	3	3	0
D. T. Smith and V. C. Bond (C.B.A.)	3	3	0

TO-DAY'S MATCHES

The following are to-day's matches:

A.T.C.	v	C.B.A.
C.D.R. "A"	v	C.R.C.
K.T.G.C.A.	v	H.K.U.T.C.
K.I.T.C.	v	H.K.P.S.A.
K.C.C.	v	C.D.R. (B)
S.C.A.A.	v	J.R.C.

Owing to the rain all the "B" Division Lawn Tennis League games were not played yesterday.

MANILA RECALL MEMORIES OF PLEASANT VISIT

The Manila football team, still remembering the happy days they spent here on their last interport soccer visit, and of the sporting spirit of the Hong Kong team in Manila, are hoping that the series will continue, said Mr. D. Calvo, manager of the P.A.A.F. football team en route to Japan. He feels certain that Manila would be pleased to visit Hong Kong again even if Hong Kong were unable to pay them a return visit owing to circumstances.

MATTER DISCUSSED WITH V.R.C. HON. SECRETARY

By "ADREM"

"IT IS ALMOST certain that the Philippines Amateur Athletic Federation will send a swimming team to the Colony some time in October this year" said Dr. Yllanan, Secretary-Treasurer of the P.A.A.F. yesterday.

HOME FOOTBALL

London, To-day.
Home football matches played in the North-Western Regional League yesterday resulted:
Rochdale 3 Blackpool 3
Oldham 2 Blackburn 5
—Reuter.

Dr. Yllanan passed through the Colony on the way to Japan with the football, baseball and wrestling contingent who are taking part in the games at Tokyo next month.

Soon after his arrival here he called on Mr. A.O. Barretto, Hon. Secretary of the Victoria Recreation Club and the matter was discussed.

August was the month suggested by Hong Kong for the contests but it was thought that the time was not suitable for Manila as most of the swimmers are University Students and in the midst of their studies.

In October, however, the Universities have a short vacation, about a week, and it is probable that if the contest is arranged it would be possible for the students to obtain another week's leave to make the trip.

All that now remains is for the committees of the two bodies to give official sanction and as far as The P.A.A.F. is concerned Dr. Yllanan is certain that they will fall in with the idea.

for the back and free style events, possessing both speed and untiring energy. He should also considerably strengthen their water-polo team in the centre-half position.

LEAGUE TO START NEXT MONTH

South China have announced that their annual Inter-members Water-polo League will start in the middle of next month. Entries will close on Friday. The reason for the early start, I have been told by the water-polo coach, is to avoid clashing with other League games, which usually start in the middle of July and continue as late as September. Considering that games can only be played under reasonable conditions for five or six consecutive days every fortnight, on account of the tide, this step is a very wise one. This is the only Chinese Club that has been running its own League, providing the training which water-polo players need so much in order to keep in the best of condition.



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CHINESE BATHING CLUBS' PROSPECTS REVIEWED

By "NATATOR"

COMPETITION AMONG Chinese swimmers has always been keen, and this year will certainly be no exception. This keenness is further heightened by the hopes of a team for Manila coming here.

Local swimmers are not likely to come up to the P.I. standards, but the experience should prove beneficial in many respects, as evidenced by the vast improvement and boost to local swimming resultant upon the Japanese Olympic Team passing through Hong Kong some years ago and giving exhibitions.

I hope that this meeting will materialise, and that annual contests between P.I. and Hong Kong will be held in the nature of interports. Chinese swimmers are training hard, and are eagerly looking forward to meeting this contingent.

WINTER TRAINING

Chinese Y.M.C.A. held special winter training classes, under the able coaching of Mr. Wong Shiu-hung. He is, however, keeping the progress of his pupils dark, till the time of the competitions, but he has promised me that some good times will be returned this year.

He has tipped me off to watch Tsang Cheung-ming, former South China swimmer, who has been undergoing hard training. A big improvement in form has been noticed, and it has been hinted that a berth in the swimming team may be given to him.

Mr. Li Chi-hoi of South China has been re-elected Chairman for the current season, whilst Mr. Yeung Chun-nam, father of the well-known lady swimmer, Yeung Sau-king, has been given the task of organising the swimming team. Training classes have been arranged and will begin on the first of June.

South China have not produced any outstanding speed merchants since Norman Lee left for places "more far," and although Coach Henry Kwok Hon-ming, start-off man for the Club's 400 relay quartet, has made many attempts during the last two years to re-form a swimming team, his efforts have not been very successful.

At present the only swimmer I can see showing any signs of promise is Lee Fook-ke, brother of the well-known footballer Lee Tack-y. Since winning the Club's 100 metres' free style championship from Tommy Kew last year, he has shown vast improvement, and, with good coaching, should turn out to be a higher-than-average sprinter.

With a membership-list of about 2,000 strong, there should be plenty of talent on which to work. The fault

with the swimmers, I believe, lies in the fact that they take to water-polo, rather than getting down seriously to improving their styles.

CHUNG SHING'S LOSS

Chung Shing have also suffered a set-back in their swimming and water-polo teams by the absence of Ng Nin. Ng left for Singapore some time ago, and, from accounts received, he has been doing quite well down south, recently winning the 100 metres' free style in the good time of 63.3-5 seconds. With his absence it is doubtful whether they can retain the Federation water-polo championship which Chung Shing wrested from South China last year, Ng being one of their most consistent scorers.

With Coach S. P. Chan steering the wheel for the team, however, a replacement should be produced before the season gets under way.

The post of chairman of the Chinese Bathing Club, the leading Chinese Club, has been given to Mr. Tse Yue-chuen, former chairman of the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation Water-polo League, and, although swimming activities have not yet actually started, I have no doubt that the management of the Club will be most successful in such capable hands. Enrique Chan, holder of the now defunct "Throwing the Water-polo Ball" Championship, will probably undertake coaching.

Chan Wing-kai, former 50 yards free style Colony Champion, is training hard at North Point, and hopes to regain the title which Taylor took from him in the record breaking time of 24.4-5 seconds. This mark will take some lowering but here's wishing him luck.

Eastern Athletic Association, the latest addition to the already long list of Chinese teams, have erected a shed at North Point this year, and are daily signing up new members. They took part in the Federation water-polo League last year, but did not do so well and were unable to complete their fixtures, owing to the withdrawal of many members of the team who had to play football.

They are as yet an unknown quantity, and may cause upsets in local swimming competitions.

It is rumoured that they have obtained the services of Shek Kam-pui, former headliner, to swim under their colours. Shek is a very valuable man

MR. BLACK HEADS LIST OF SUCCESSFUL JOCKEYS

Lancashire Chips Gives Glimpse Of Old Form

LANTAO HANDICAP FITTING CLIMAX TO FIRST HALF OF SEASON

By "Rapier"

FAVOURED BY brilliant sunshine, although a cool breeze made conditions pleasant, the Sixth Extra Race Meeting, held under the auspices of Hong Kong Jockey Club at the Valley on Saturday, attracted a large crowd of racing fans. This meeting brought to a close the first half of the local racing season.

Spectators were treated to several really exciting finishes, and races generally were keenly contested.

Mr. Don Black scored a personal triumph by riding three winners and three thirds to head the list of successful jockeys, revealing clever judgment in all his races. Mr. Peter Wei was second with two wins, accomplished in the fifth and seventh races, which were "Daily Double" events.

Honours among the owners went to the Eve Stable with a win, a second and a third.

WEIGHT TOO MUCH

The first race, the Carpentaria Handicap, over a mile, for Australian ponies of this season that had not won a race, resulted in a win for Brown Derby (Mr. Black). The public favoured Sea Jay (Mr. Proulx), and its defeat can be attributed to the fact that the maximum weight of 165 lb. was too great a handicap for this pony to handle, and the best it could do was to come in third.

Grand Allegiance (Mr. Fung) jumped out in front, but this lead was short-lived as the pony bored out on reaching the seven furlongs post and Sea Jay took command, followed by Brown Derby and Maple Star (Mr. Pan). This order was maintained until after passing the half mile post, when Grand Allegiance faded out of the picture. On rounding the bend Sea Jay was well in front, but Brown Derby came along with a great burst of speed to take the lead, followed closely by Maple Star. Although Mr. Pan made a great effort on Maple Star it proved to be of no avail, and he had to be satisfied with second place, with Sea Jay third.

In the Shing Mun Handicap for "B" Class China ponies that had not won a race since January 1, 1940, Avon provided Mr. Black with his second win of the afternoon when it beat the favourite, Conquering Time (Mr. Wei).

Conquering Time got away to a flying start, with Peaceful View (Mr. Fung) behind, followed by Red Feather (Mr. Tao) and Avon, the ultimate winner. On passing the Rock Red Feather displaced Peaceful View, and this position was maintained until coming into the straight, when Mr. Black took Avon ahead to pass Peaceful View and then Red Feather. Conquering Time's lead was gradually reduced, and, amid great excitement, Avon won by half a length, with two lengths separating Conquering Time and Red Feather.

FAVOURITE WINS

In the Moreton Bay Handicap for "D" Class Australian ponies that had not won a race since January 1, 1940, Piccadilly Jim (Mr. Poy) was made favourite, and it did not disappoint. Tarzan (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming) took the lead, followed by A Green Time (Mr. Proulx), A Good Time (Mr. Tao), Sea Urchin (Mr. H. M. Botelho) and Piccadilly Jim. After passing the half mile post Mr. Proulx tried to steal the race by sending A Green Time into the lead but, after passing the two mile post, it faded away. The race down the home stretch developed into a tussle between Sea Urchin and Piccadilly Jim, but the latter's superiority was never in doubt once it got in front.

Income Tax, carrying the maximum weight of 165 lb., did very well to snatch second place from Sea Urchin by a head.

In the fourth race, the Yangtze Handicap, over the mile, the result was a foregone conclusion. Once Possible (Mr. Tang Man-wa) took the lead, it remained in front until the end. This pony was a hot favourite and, although it had to carry maximum weight of 165 lb., it won without difficulty.

Blue Field (Mr. Wei) took the lead, followed by Possible, Emergency Unit (Mr. Chang), and Eve of Folly (Mr. Black). At the football stands, Possible drew up with Blue Field and they kept together until the straight, when Blue Field gave up the fight. Although hotly challenged by Eve of Folly (Mr. Wood), and Eve of Folly, Possible was far too good and finished with three lengths to spare.

A spirited fight between Eve of Folly and Eve of Folly for second place saw Eve of Folly win by a neck.

The first leg of the "Daily Double" was decided on the fifth race, the Harvey Day Handicap for "A" Class Australian ponies that had not won more than \$2,000 in stakes from the 2 1/4 mile post, and was a grand

race, although the finish was not as close as might have been expected.

FINE COMEBACK

Lancashire Chips gave us a glimpse of its old form, as it not only won after a magnificent effort, but clipped one-fifth of a second off its own record for this distance. This time will not be recognised, however, as the pony was running seven pounds under weight as per inches.

On the rise of the barrier Courting Eve (Mr. Fung), second favourite, was off like a flash followed by Devonian (Mr. Hearne), Melody Star (Mr. Proulx), the favourite, Lancashire Chips and Connieber (Mr. Chang). On entering the last quarter Courting Eve was still leading, and it was running so strongly that it appeared to have every chance of winning. Once Connieber passed it near the members' stands, however, it fell away and Lancashire Chips came through beautifully on the outside to challenge Connieber and eventually win by a length.

Ascot Day (Mr. Sung) also made a belated effort, ousting Courting Eve for third place. Lancashire Chips paid \$51.90 for a \$5.00 ticket, the second best win dividend of the day.

Spectators had barely recovered from this upset, when another occurred—in the next race, the Wallend Handicap for "C" Class Australian ponies. Discovery Bay (Mr. Yuen) took the lead, followed by Stratherrick (Mr. Gregory), Violet Queen (Mr. Black) and Roofly (Mr. Davis). At the Rock Mr. Black sent Violet Queen into the lead, which it maintained until the straight was reached. It then fell back and Spring Shine (Mr. Sung) went out in front, followed by Roofly and Bredon (Mr. Chattey). Mr. Sung apparently did not notice Bredon coming up strongly on the outside within the last 50 yards, and the latter went on to win by half a length, with Roofly third, another length and a half behind.

YET ANOTHER UPSET

The West River Handicap, for "D" Class China ponies, was also the second leg of the "Daily Double", and was featured by yet another upset, Mr. Peter Wei again being responsible, winning on Talkative to pay the highest dividend of the afternoon.

Much was expected of Piet Hein (Mr. Needa), the favourite, but the pony was never in the picture at any time, and, despite Mr. Needa's great last-minute effort, it was unplaced.

Jack O'Lantern (Mr. Tao), after a false start, was first off, followed by Double Chance (Mr. H. M. Botelho), Golden Cow (Mr. Chiu) and Sunlight View (Mr. Fung).

Coming into the straight, Jack O'Lantern still led with the rest of the field bunched together. Talkative was on the rails, with Sunlight View, Golden Cow, and Gold Coin in a line about a length behind. Sunlight View and Golden Cow then gave up the struggle, and it was left to Jack O'Lantern, Talkative and Gold Coin to fight out the issue.

To the surprise of all Mr. Wei obtained the necessary response from his mount, and it finished a neck ahead of Jack O'Lantern, with Gold Coin, another head behind, third. Twenty-four people correctly nominated Talkative for the second leg, and they were handsomely rewarded with the sum of \$337.20 for a \$5.00 ticket.

The Great Bight Handicap for "B" Class Australian ponies, provided another upset in which the favourite again disappointed. This was due to Pumpnickel (Mr. Proulx) boring out when it was in a good position to win.

Derby Day (Mr. Hearne) took the lead followed by Pumpnickel, Double Finesse (Mr. Pan) and Vixen Tor (Mr. Davis). On rounding the bend Derby Day was still leading with Pumpnickel, about two lengths behind, running strongly, but as it turned the corner into the straight it again bored out to such an extent that it lost its chance of winning and was unplaced.

Meanwhile, Vixen Tor was challenging Derby Day, but try as he did, Mr. Davis could not catch it and had to admit defeat by a short head, Annabella (Mr. Black) was third, another two lengths behind.

FITTING CLIMAX TO SEASON

Last race of the day, the Lantao Handicap from the two mile post, contested by "C" Class China ponies was the event on which the big cash sweep was to be decided.

The lucky winner had to thank Mr. Black for riding the best race of his

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADDY"

ON Saturday evening at the Y.M.C.A. swimming bath we had a preview of some of the Army swimmers and on the whole the squaddies acquitted themselves well against the stiff opposition.

Y.M.C.A. Gala Amongst those who impressed

me most were three of the Royal Scots team: 2/Lieut. Millar, Bandsman Jordan and Cpl. Slayter. On this showing the Royals should be able to put a formidable team in the water against other units. In the Invitation Relay Race 200 yards Free-style, Royal Scots, Middlesex Regiment and Royal Corps of Signals, were lined up against a "Y" team composed of such useful swimmers as G. Arnold, G. Hume, A. Dodd and G. May. The civies proved themselves too good for the squaddies by establishing an early lead and finishing nine seconds ahead of Royal Scots (Bandsman Jordan, Cpl. Sutherland, Bandsman Slayter and 2nd Lieut. Millar). Signals (Sig. Bennett, Cpl. Bedford, Sergt. Dignan and Sig. Allen) finished third, close behind the Royals. The Middlesex Regiment were well behind. The "Diehards," it seems, lack practice.

THE Gala concluded with a Water Polo match between a Y.M.C.A. team and Royal Corps of Signals, who were representing the Combined Small Units. The "Tic Tac" men put up quite a creditable

Water Polo performance and

were a trifle unlucky to lose by the odd goal in three. The "Y's" first goal, a long lob by Goldman, was a very lucky one. Dignan scored the Signals' only goal with a splendid cross shot which gave the "Y" custodian no chance. The mistake made by the "Tic Tac" men was leaving the "Y" players so often completely unmarked. This is dangerous, especially when playing against such men as Goldman, who scored the deciding goal through being left unmarked. Bennett, who has the advantage of height, showed up well in goal and he had the support of two good backs in Bedford and Morgan. There is, however, room for improvement in the play of Pitcher, McCann and Hunt; the latter would be wise to employ more careful methods of tackling. Dignan was the star of the Signal team and is an extremely useful player to have in the water. The "Y" utilised the services

career; he handled Eve of Reason beautifully, although carrying the maximum weight of 165 lb.

The finish was quite exciting, as there was very little between these three ponies at the end. National Pride (Mr. Wood) bolted when going up to the starting gate and went twice round the course before it was stopped. It took no further part in the race.

On the rise of the barrier Mr. Chang sent Pinfarthings into the lead followed by Thirty Six (Mr. Hearne), Taxing Master (Mr. Tao), Jane Doe (Mr. Sung), Eve of Reason and Hughber. They turned the bend with Pinfarthings still leading but, after passing the two mile post, it became evident that there were only two ponies to be considered. Hugging the rails, Eve of Reason appeared to be slightly behind Pinfarthings, with Hughber on the outside, a length behind. Stride by stride Eve of Reason, followed by Hughber, raced on, gradually creeping up on Pinfarthings; then, amid a tremendous roar, Mr. Black, still with Hughber in attendance, challenging strongly, passed Pinfarthings. Without the whip Mr. Chao was handicapped and his effort to drive Hughber was unavailing and he had to admit defeat by a length and a half.

Mr. Chang did well to bring Pinfarthings into third place to pay \$2.25, which was the best place dividend of the day.

Mr. Black's putt in Eve of Reason was well received, and the race was indeed a fitting climax to the first half of the racing season.

of Slayter, who played a useful game and although Berry's (Middlesex) name was included in the selected team he did not turn out.

Two interesting matches "Y" versus Royal Scots and "Y" versus Middlesex Regt. will take place to-night in the Y.M.C.A. bath, beginning at 6 p.m.

THOSE who went to Caroline Hill on Sunday saw something of an International Inter-Service baseball game when the Royal Engineers were lined-up against U.S.S. Mindanao. It would hardly be fair to say that the

Baseball Sappers were outplayed, but it was nevertheless

a game between masters and learners! The hearty American sailors were playing a game they have played all their lives, yet the score 15-7 shows just how hard those Sappers fought. They took a beating it is true and what is more they loved it! "Flash" Ratcliffe was pitching well, while "Freddy" Fox made a good as a catcher, and the others who go to make up the Sappers' team: George Denyer, "Snip" Taylor, "Taffy" Foley, Wellford, Holden, Heath, Wells and "Bernard" Shaw, were all enjoying themselves. After the match the Mindanao boys were very liberal in their praise of these squaddies.

NOT long ago Middlesex Regiment staged an Inter-Company Darts Tournament, which I learn was a great success and has resulted in the suggestion that Garrison Darts League should be formed

Darts League for the winter

season. At Home many similar Leagues have been in operation for a long time and have proved highly popular. With the aid of the P.R.I.'s such a competition would no doubt provide many convivial evenings in the Regimental Canteens. I also hear that if such a competition is inaugurated an interested party has offered to donate a suitable trophy. Will all squaddies who can throw a 'nifty dart' and are interested in the formation of a Garrison Darts League please get in touch with me (Squaddy, c/o The China Mail.)

OWING to the inclement weather

there has been very little Army Tennis during the last few days. Royal Engineers had an easy win over the Medical Corps, Col. Smith and Major Harrison winning the only

Tennis three sets won by the lat-

ter. Capt. Hook and Capt. Skipwith were the only members of the 8th Heavy who managed to make any headway against the R.A.O.C. when their side lost by 7 gets to 2. Emberson and Duffield were in particularly good form and had no difficulty in winning all three sets, conceding only four games, three of which were to Hook and Skipwith.

In Second Division, Service Corps lost to the Signals by the odd set. Sheridan and Woodward were the best Service Corps pair, winning two sets and losing to Dignan and Willis in the third, 7 games to 9. In the other Second Division match Ordnance Corps gained the decision over the 5th A.A. Regiment by 5 sets to 4. Coughlin and Barracough played some good tennis in two sets but were completely outclassed by Peters and Harding (R.A.O.C.) in the third set and lost 6-1. Pennington and Pinder were the weakest of the Ordnance team, but their rather lucky win over Simpson and Studd was instrumental in giving the "Storemen" the match.

FAITH IN FINAL VICTORY

London, To-day.

While Leopold's surrender is condemned and the seriousness of the blow to the Allies is admitted, the national newspapers unanimously reiterate faith in final victory.

Says "The Times": "When every possible allowance is made for the King's doubtless sincere desire to spare his people suffering, it is impossible not to sympathise with M. Reynaud's bitterness. This is certainly no time, however, for recriminations.

The "Daily Telegraph" declares: M. Reynaud spoke with moderation when he said that such a deed was without precedent in history.

The paper recalls King Leopold's statement that Belgium of 1940 would resist as in 1914, and adds: "Belgium has shown her resolution to make good her King's promise, but the King of 1940 was not the King of 1914."

The "Daily Mail" pays tribute to the Belgian Army's heroic resistance and says: "Fresh Belgian battalions may even yet play their part."

Keep Anger For Hitler

The "Daily Express" declares: "We must keep all our anger for our one enemy—Hitler. All our energies for the one task of beating him."

The "Daily Herald" comments: Whether he is, as an evening paper smartly puts it, King Quisling, or a King Weaking is a theme not worthy of our breath to-day. In any case we do not know the full facts, but whatever they show they must not distract us from our imperative duties. The "News-Chronicle" says: The

DEFENCE OF CALAIS IS STRONG

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The only information released so far of the changes in the positions brought about by King Leopold's capitulation is that the Allies are continuing to fight, their honour intact. The new dispositions are secret, but it can be said that the defence of Calais is strong.

There is no attempt in Paris to blame the Belgian people for what has occurred.

"The Belgian Army fought nobly for 18 days. In response to King Leopold's appeal, the British and French left their fortified positions in France to go to the help of the Belgians. When the King decided he had had enough, he quit," the Paris radio commentator said yesterday afternoon.

"He did not even think it worth while to let those who responded to his call know of his decision."

Meanwhile, the Allied Army is firmly entrenched along the Aisne and the Somme, on the line agreed upon by Marshal Petain and General Weygand. Fighting here is progressing favourably for the Allies.

German attacks in the Meuse sector have been repulsed.

German prisoners taken here state that one entire German division had to be relieved because of the heavy losses inflicted on it by the French. — Havas.

King's surrender is bound to seem to the British people an inexplicable act of betrayal. — Reuter.

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Chinese detective Yip Sum was shot in the leg yesterday in a gun-battle with armed men, two of whom have been detained. One was wounded and admitted to the Kowloon Hospital. Neither are in a serious condition.

Leading a party of police, Yip Sum, raided a shop at Yuen Long, but as they were about to enter the armed men inside opened fire.

Shanghai, To-day.

C. Chegwiddden, 60-year-old Briton, was killed last night by two Chinese gunmen who entered his residence in the International Settlement for robbery. The robbers bound and gagged Chegwiddden and started to ransack the house when neighbours raised the alarm. The gunmen fled without the loot. The Police found Chegwiddden suffocating and he died en route to hospital. Chegwiddden was a former employee of the Customs. — Reuter.

Government has, on landlord representations, dropped the proposed Ordinance amending the Prevention of Evictions Ordinance in important particulars, to prevent the passing on to tenants of Property Tax.

A new Ordinance "to prevent the Passing on of War Property Tax" will be submitted for first reading in Legislative Council tomorrow.

It provides, in effect, that the Assessor shall be the judge of what constitutes a fair and reasonable rent, after taking into account that any property tax shall be borne by the owner.

As from March 31, no landlord shall demand any increase of rent from his tenant which is in excess of a fair and reasonable rent as certified by the Assessor.

Such devices as key money are prohibited.

The Ordinance will not apply to dwelling houses to which the Prevention of Evictions Ordinance applies.

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